

# Victorian Planning Authority

## Submission overview

Submission to the Legislative Council  
Environment and Planning Committee  
Inquiry into Environmental Infrastructure for  
Growing Populations

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# Role of the Victorian Planning Authority

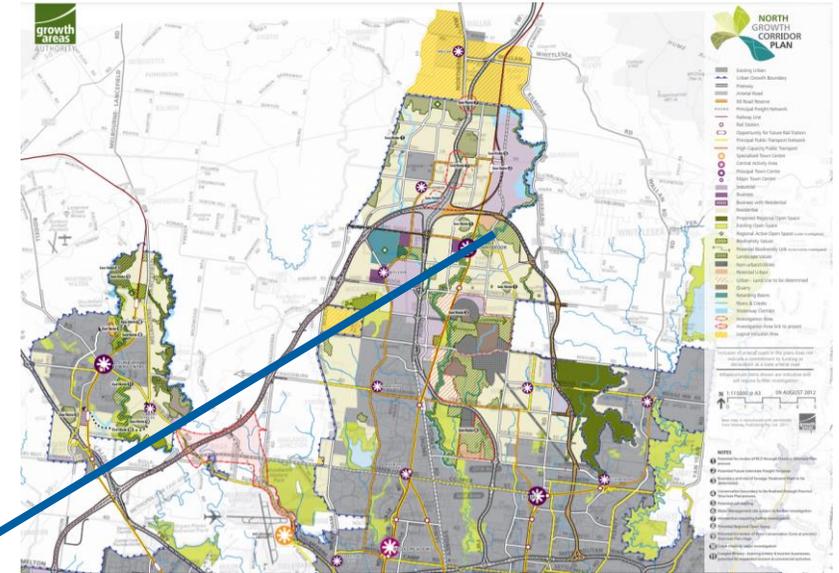
- The VPA is a State Government statutory authority reporting to the Minister for Planning.
- Our role is to lead place-based strategic planning for growth in designated areas.
- Our focus is on integrated land-use, built form and infrastructure planning outcomes for significant precincts and places in growing Victorian cities, suburbs and regional towns.
- The VPA does not develop or construct. We do not deliver infrastructure. We do not issue permits within Precinct Structure Plans.



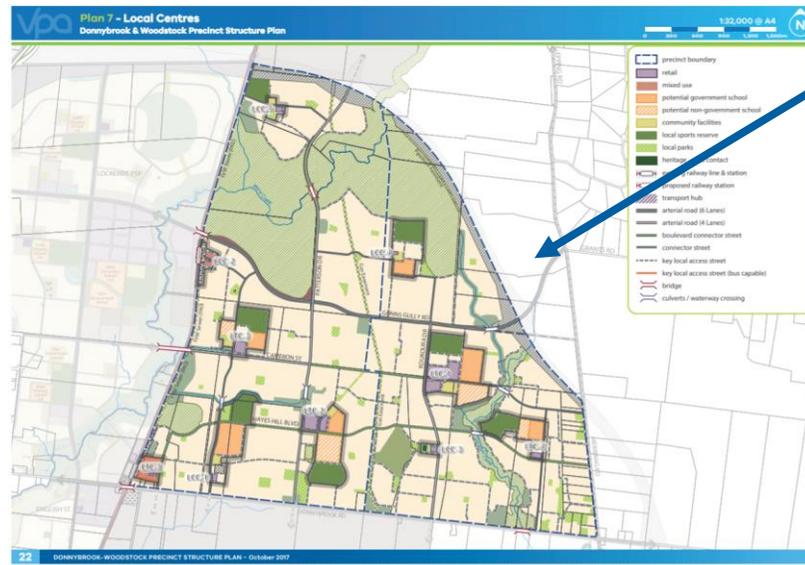
# Corridor and Precinct Level Planning

- In the Greenfields, the VPA plans for open space through a corridor and precinct level approach
- We integrate conservation and open space
- Linking broader open space network with waterways, local parks and sporting reserves
- The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) is the overarching strategy for protecting biodiversity in Victoria's growth corridors.

Northern Growth Corridor Plan



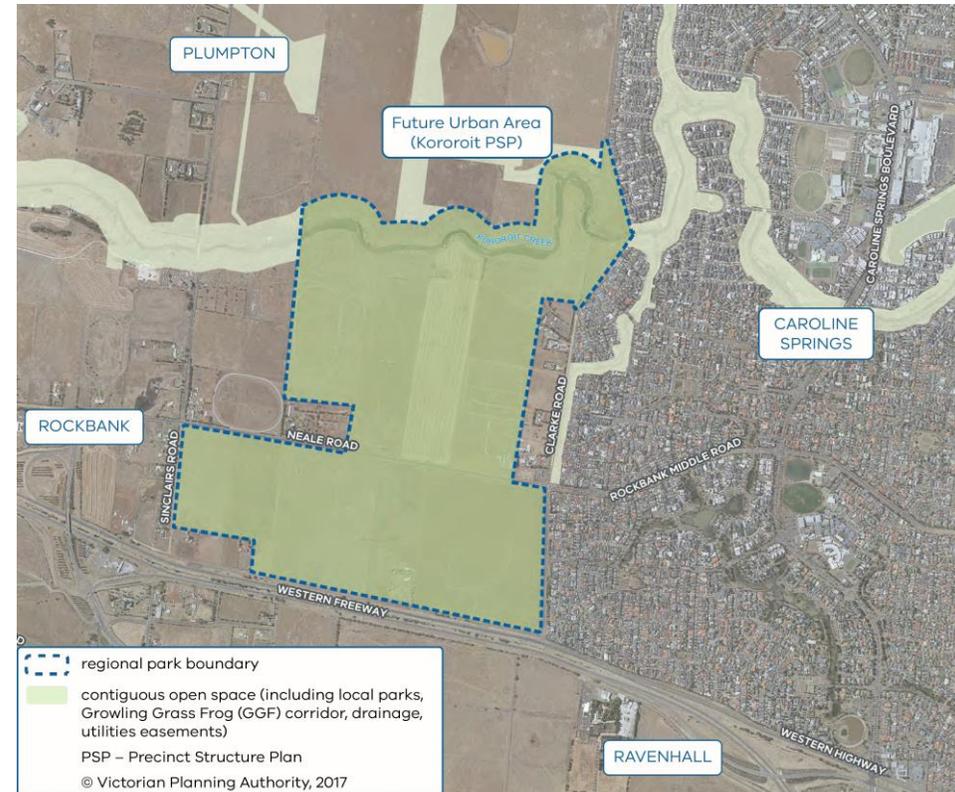
Donnybrook & Woodstock PSP



# Planning for Regional Parks

- Through the corridor and precinct level approach, VPA precinct planning has been an integral driver for new state Regional Parks.
- Early identification allows for VPA precinct planning to inform affected landowners and others in the area about the proposed location of parks.
- Applies the Public Acquisition Overlay
- The Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change as the acquiring authority for the relevant land.
- Requires the acquisition of private land through State budget committed funds.
- Funding can impact on the timing of delivery

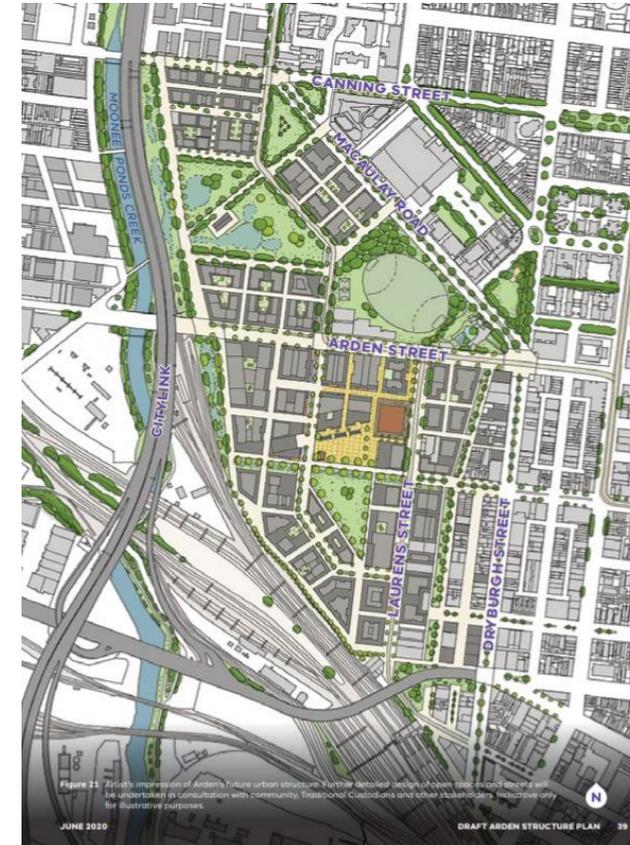
## Kororoit Creek Regional Park



# Planning for urban renewal – Arden Precinct

- The VPA applies spatial land use planning to urban renewal precincts
- The Arden Precinct will provide an ambitious target for street tree canopy
- It will deliver best practice Integrated Water Management to deal with flooding whilst providing blue/green infrastructure to cool the environment
- Climate resilience and carbon abatement will be built into the planning controls to support best practice Environmentally Sustainable Development
- The precinct will deliver 1.6 ha of new open space in Arden Central comprising a Capital City open space and a neighbourhood open space to align with the City of Melbourne's Open Space Strategy. This will be delivered early to complement the opening of Arden Station.

## Artist's Impression Future Urban Structure – Draft Arden Structure Plan 2020



# Lifting the bar: High quality public realm

## Revised Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines for the Greenfields

30 per cent canopy tree coverage

More flexibility with open space format  
(size, shape, distribution)

IWM solutions contribute towards targets from the relevant IWM Catchment Strategy and meet Best Practice Environmental Guidelines for Urban Stormwater (BPEM)



# Lifting the bar: High quality public realm

## Barriers in achieving Street tree Canopy and Greening

- Electrical and Gas utility engineering requirements regarding allocation of street tree planting and drainage in proximity to services infrastructure
- Local Government street tree planting standards and guidelines
  - focus around maintenance and safety
  - species selection factor in delivery of proposed canopy
- Government Road design guidance. Competing priorities, road safety and public realm interface Standards don't support passive drainage, which in turn limits ability for canopy
- Lack of planning provisions to mandate or enforce new canopy
- Lack of incentive to maintain new canopy trees.



# Thank you.

## Questions?