

## **Submission in response to the Draft Macedon Ranges Localised Planning Scheme**

I am not in favour of the Localised Planning Scheme.

I strongly believe we need to stop development for developments sake and to seriously look at the best way to accommodate future population across the state.

Urban sprawl with houses that are built with no consideration to energy efficiency, sustainability, or community connection will destroy the Macedon Ranges.

The draft plan purports to protect the landscape, environment, biodiversity, agriculture etc, yet it seems to have no plan on how to actually do this other than to put a line around most towns to say this is as far as we can go.

What about putting all of these things that are important to us at the start and planning how best to protect them and then fitting the people in? What about some innovation and some real thought into liveability and sustainability?

Apparently Bendigo can accommodate the population growth being forced into the Macedon Ranges – surely the Melbourne sprawl has to end and decentralisation of business has to occur using the large rural centres?

I am, in this submission, requesting that the draft be postponed and that more research, planning and consultation be undertaken in the Macedon Ranges before the future of the area is formalised using a stale, unsustainable model.

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