State Planning Symposium
Population Growth – Setting the Scene

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Summary

- In the early 1990s there was a population crisis in Victoria; that crisis was a declining population.
- Investments in city building infrastructure helped Melbourne grow.
- Melbourne’s population growth has been focused on the fringe and inner city.
- Jobs growth remains focused on certain locations.
- This has created a transport challenge, which has economic and social challenges.
- This challenge will also increase in size as Melbourne grows to into a very large city.
- The challenge is how do we manage growth in a changed economy.
Victorian Population

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. No. 3101.0)
Victorian Population

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. No. 3101.0) and ABS
Victoria’s growth has been much stronger than expected.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. No. 3101.0), ABS and Victoria in Future
Population Growth

Melbourne: 1.7 million new people

Regions: 250,000 new people

Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (Cat. No 3218.0)
What has happened?

- VIF projections are an indication of possible future populations if current demographic and economic trends continue.
- They are not predictions of the future, nor are they future targets.
- Over the past 30 years Victoria has worked hard to change the demographic and economic trends.
- This has been via city building infrastructure and economic reform.
City building infrastructure

- City Loop Rail Capacity
- Post Code 3000
- Southbank
- Docklands
- Western Ring Road
- CityLink
- Regional Rail Link
- South Morang extension
- Tram extensions
- Port and Airport expansions
- Eastlink
- New generation trains & trams
- Greenfield development
- Inner city renewal
- Revitalise Central Dandenong
- Parkville Cluster
- Regional Fast Rail
- Hospitals / Schools
- Higher Education City
- Planning reforms
- Vibrancy of the city
- Marketing
Melbourne Population Growth

Top growing areas across Melbourne are inner city or on the urban fringe.

There is a ‘missing middle’.

Source: SGS Comparing population growth by area – the real story
New Dwellings

Source: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
Melbourne Employment

Shift away from Industrial to Knowledge jobs.

Greater Melbourne Jobs by Sector

Source: SGS based on ABS Labour Force Survey Data
LGA Employment Growth 1996-2016

City of Melbourne 205,000 new jobs
Growth Areas 210,000 new Jobs
This is more than half of all new jobs

Source: SGS Economics and Planning
Growth Areas going ‘okay’ on one new job per one new dwelling.

Source: SGS Economics and Planning
Household to Job - 2016

But Growth Areas still not great for Households to Jobs Ratio.
Growth Areas are struggling on the Worker to Job Ratio.

Creates a transport challenge.
Access by Public Transport

Source: SGS Economics and Planning
Victorian Population Growth

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. No. 3101.0) and Victoria in Future
Use scenarios to understand how Melbourne’s population might grow.
Melbourne Population Growth

Double Regional Growth

Geelong would be the size of Adelaide

Bendigo and Ballarat would be the size of Canberra
City building infrastructure

- Melbourne Metro 1
- Melbourne Metro 2
- Suburban Rail Loop
- Fishermans Bend
- West Gate Tunnel
- North East Link
- Mernda extension
- Tram extensions
- Port and Airport expansions
- Outer Metro Ring Road
- Airport Rail Link
- City Loop Reconfiguration
- National Employment Clusters
- Missing middle housing
- More suburban jobs
- Road Pricing
- Enterprise Precincts
- More schools and hospitals
- City Deals
- Growth Infrastructure Compacts
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