

The current Statement of Planning Policy No 8 should be validated and incorporated, until further investigation is carried out.

The LPS is not a protection policy, and uses deceptive language such as settlement boundaries (replacing existing Town Boundaries), and offers very vague platitudes of protection of the Shire's incompletely listed attributes/heritage/biodiversity/and certain State and National significant landscapes.

As the LPS does not include a method of implementation- how can it be binding policy on public entities; and therefore how can it assist decision making??

The LPS is pushing development of approx 1300 hectares across the Shire, whereas a City such as Bendigo, has been assessed to be able to double in population without any change of Town Boundary.