

GREEN WEDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN – STAGE 2 SURVEY

About the Green Wedge Management Plan

The Draft Vision, Objectives and Strategic Directions have been informed by what you told us in Stage 1. These are all outlined below and we want to hear from you and check if we got them right.

- **Vision:** Our aspirations for the Green Wedge
- **Objectives:** What we want to achieve
- **Strategic Directions:** How we're going to get there

Draft Vision

The Draft Green Wedge Management Plan Vision is that:

'Our Green Wedge is part of a connected ecosystem where biodiversity, natural assets and resources are enhanced and protected from urban encroachment.

Our Green Wedge provides for rural land uses and development, and supports economic opportunities in sustainable agricultural and the visitor economy¹ that respect the environmental significance, rural and landscape character of the Green Wedge.

Our Green Wedge protects and promotes its rich Aboriginal and post contact heritage.

Our Green Wedge connects and supports a diverse, resilient and respectful community that is empowered to take care of the land.'

Have we got the Green Wedge Management Plan Vision right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it
- ☐ It needs improvement

Draft Strategic Directions

The Draft Strategic Directions are themed to

- Sustainable Environment
- Liveable Neighbourhoods
- Strong Local Economy, and
- Connected Community.

The Green Wedge Objectives for Sustainable Environment are that:

- Our Green Wedge's natural landscapes are valued, healthy and biodiverse.
 - Our Green Wedge is sustainably managed and is resilient to climate change and natural disasters.
 - Our Green Wedge waterways are healthy and clean.
 - Our Green Wedge protects and enhances greening on both council and non-council land.
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To help us achieve these objectives we've identified a number of strategic directions. We'd like to get your feedback on whether we have this right.

1. Have we got Strategic Direction 1.1 to 'Improve the management and protection of biodiversity' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 1.1 below:

2. Have we got Strategic Direction 1.2 to 'Partner with landowners and land managers to ensure water is managed in an integrated and effective manner in the Green Wedge' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 1.2 below:

3. Have we got Strategic Direction 1.3 to 'Ensure our residents and our environment benefit from a diverse, colourful, and healthy City Forest that connects people to people, people to nature, and people to place' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 1.3 below

4. Have we got Strategic Direction 1.4 to 'Partner with landowners and other Government agencies to improve soil health.' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 1.4 below

The Green Wedge Objectives for Liveable Neighbourhoods are that:

- High value landscape features and significant views are identified and protected in Green Wedge.
 - Communities understand the purpose of the Green Wedge zones and are supported to conduct appropriate land use, development and management on the land.
 - Settlement in our Green Wedge is sensitive to the environment and is resilient to climate change and natural disasters.
 - Our Green Wedge is supported by a safe and fit for purpose transport network that meets the needs and expectations of our community.
 - Our Green Wedge has a clearly defined, permanent urban-rural interface that offer high ecological, recreational, agricultural values.
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5. Have we got Strategic Direction 2.1 to 'Protect non-urban breaks and enhance landscape amenity and rural character' right?

- ☐ I love it
☐ I can live with it / No comment
☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 2.1 below

6. Have we got Strategic Direction 2.2 to 'Discourage new settlement in areas prone to extreme natural hazards' right?

- ☐ I love it
☐ I can live with it / No comment
☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 2.2 below

7. Have we got Strategic Direction 2.3 to 'Provide safe and fit for purpose local road network and support active travel modes' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 2.3 below

8. Have we got Strategic Direction 2.4 to 'Protect Green Wedge from further urban encroachment and improve management of the urban and rural interface' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 2.4 below

9. Have we got Strategic Direction 2.5 to 'Direct urban uses towards designated Whittlesea township area and areas within the UGB' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 2.5 below

The Green Wedge Objectives for Strong Local Economy are that

- The importance of agriculture in the Green Wedge is well understood by our community.
 - Our Green Wedge supports activities that enhance agricultural and environmental values and discourages uses that are incompatible with the purposes of Green Wedge.
 - Local agribusinesses are supported to facilitate ongoing viability and are encouraged to apply sustainable and innovative practices.
 - Our Green Wedge supports a visitor economy that is sustainable and sensitive to the environmental and social impacts. The natural and built assets are recognised in the destination promotion activities.
 - Our Green Wedge supports renewable energy production, protects existing operation and future opportunities of extractive industry and regionally significant waste management assets that is compatible with Green Wedge values.
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To help us achieve these objectives we've identified a number of strategic directions. We'd like to get your feedback on whether we have this right.

10. Have we got Strategic Direction 3.1 to 'Improve understanding of the value of agriculture in the Green Wedge to provide for appropriate use and development' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 3.1 below

11. Have we got Strategic Direction 3.2 to 'Support local agribusinesses and the visitor economy to grow, be sustainable and prepared for climate change' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 3.2 below

12. Have we got Strategic Direction 3.3 to 'Work with State Government to provide for future infrastructure and green energy needs' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 3.3 below

The Green Wedge Objectives for Connected Community are that:

- Our Green Wedge community takes pride in its Green Wedge and is empowered with the knowledge and opportunities to look after it.
- Our Green Wedge community enjoys better accessibility to open space facilities, safe and fit-for-purpose road and public transport infrastructure for greater social and economic resilience.
- Our Green Wedge enhances, protects and promotes places of cultural significance.
- Our Green Wedge community and Council, partner with Traditional Owners in various practices that Care for Country.

To help us achieve these objectives we've identified a number of strategic directions. We'd like to get your feedback on whether we have this right.

13. Have we got Strategic Direction 4.1 to 'Understand and support the diverse needs of our rural community for environmental, social and economic resilience' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 4.1 below

14. Have we got Strategic Direction 4.2 to 'Better connect the Green Wedge with our communities via communication, placemaking and programs ' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 4.2 below

15. Have we got Strategic Direction 4.3 to 'Engage and empower community members on various aspects of caring and managing for the Green Wedge' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 4.3 below

16. Have we got Strategic Direction 4.4 to 'Partner with Traditional Owners to support the preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage, improve land and water management and other Caring for Country practices in the Green Wedge' right?

- ☐ I love it
- ☐ I can live with it / No comment
- ☐ It needs improvement

Share your comments on Strategic Direction 4.4 below

About You

1. Gender:
 - ☐ Woman
 - ☐ Man
 - ☐ Prefer not to say
 - ☐ Self-described (please specify)

2. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
 - ☐ Yes, Aboriginal
 - ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
 - ☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Prefer not to say

3. Do you speak a language other than English at home?
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Prefer not to say
 - ☐ Yes, please specify

4. What is your age?
 - ☐ 17 years or younger
 - ☐ 18 – 24 year
 - ☐ 25 – 34 years
 - ☐ 35 – 49 years
 - ☐ 50 – 59 years
 - ☐ 60 – 69 years
 - ☐ 70 years or older
 - ☐ Prefer not to say

5. Which suburb do you live in?

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Please return the survey by:

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