

## Melbourne 2030 based on outdated Green Wedge Plan

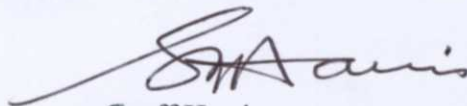
According to the Victorian Department of Infrastructure's report, *Melbourne 2030* October 2002 "*Melbourne 2030* reaffirms and strengthens the policy of focusing fringe development in growth areas based around major regional transport corridors--." (p.33) *Melbourne 2030* later says "The corridor pattern of development will allow the retention of areas of open land close to most development areas. These green wedges, identified in the 1971 report "*Planning Policies for the Metropolitan Region*", are a valued feature of metropolitan Melbourne and have practical and aesthetic benefits".--- "Statutory protection will be provided for the green wedges including the Yarra Valley, the Dandenong and Yarra Ranges, Westernport and the Mornington Peninsula to protect those areas from uncontrolled growth." (p.34)

Whilst the government's intent to continue the growth corridor/ green wedge concept is supported, reversion to outdated provisions is totally unacceptable. The plans and statements contained in the 1971 MMBW report related to a **proposed** Metropolitan Planning Scheme, and the final form of that Planning Scheme, prior to transfer of metropolitan planning powers to State Government, contained material changes, and those changes must be taken into account.

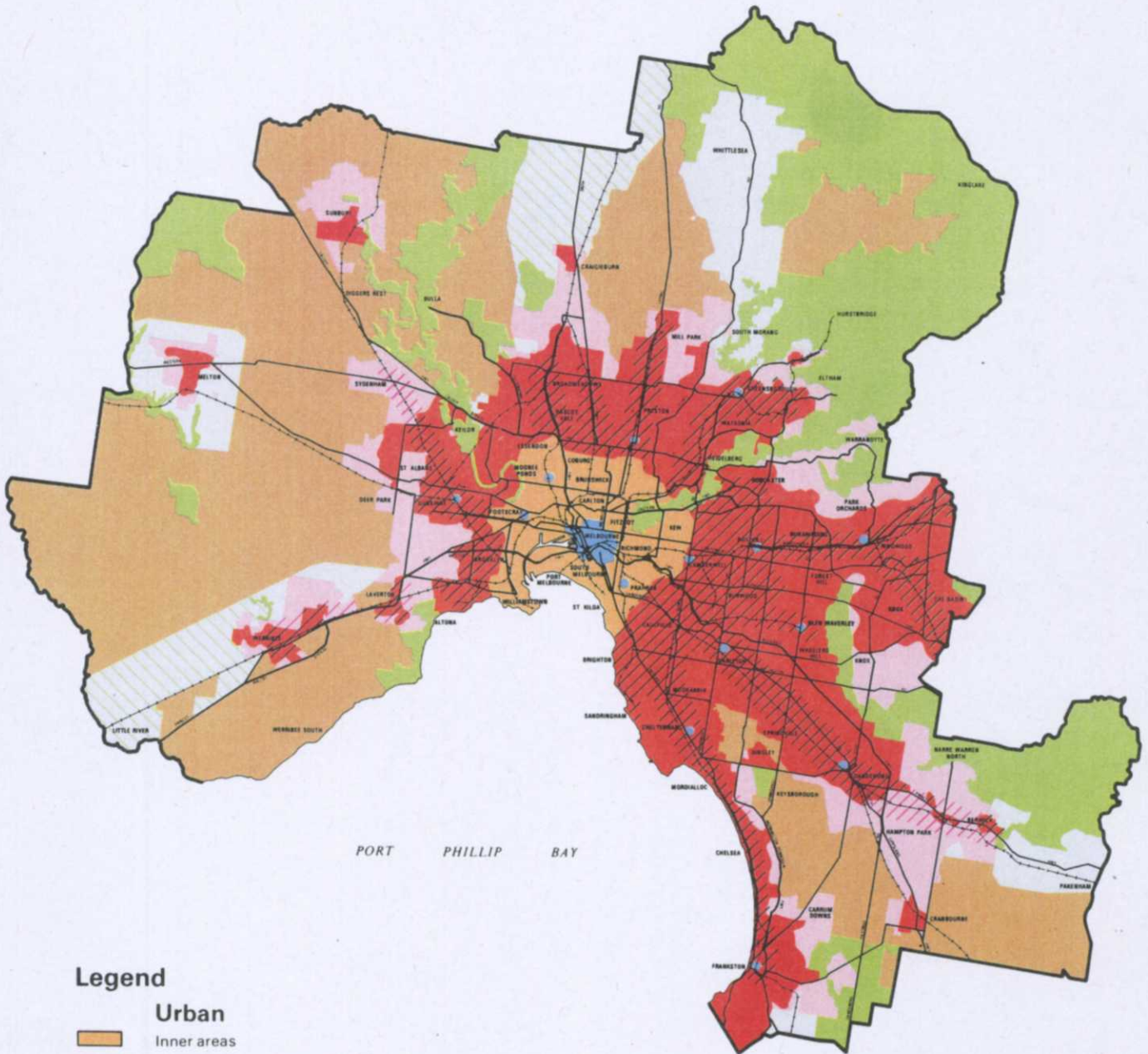
In particular, a **Strategic Framework Plan** was introduced into the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme on 21 September 1983, which amongst other things, contained a "green wedge" (non-urban area, of high ecological and landscape interest value) along the Yarra River, extending inwards to include the Kew Cottages land. Within that area, the stated objective was "to conserve the resources of soil, flora and fauna and the significant natural features." (Reprint No. 5, pages 19, 25)

It is my view, that in the consideration of any proposal for the rezoning of such lands for housing, this strategic matter is one which should be taken into account, and this information should have been drawn to attention prior to approval of Governor in Council, particularly in that *Melbourne 2030* implies continuance of past wedge policy. It may be that, in the absence of such a disclosure, a significant procedural defect has arisen.












Copies of relevant provisions of the "(Melbourne Metropolitan) "**Planning Scheme Ordinance**" reprint no. 12 are attached.

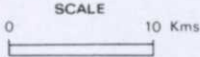


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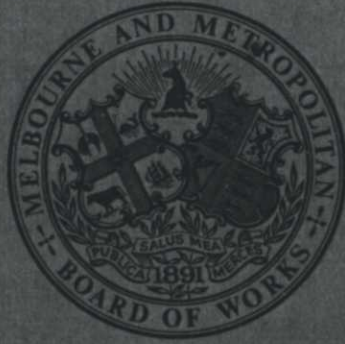
**Legend**

- Urban**
-  Inner areas
-  Outer areas
-  Established areas
-  Central Melbourne
-  District centres
-  High public transport accessibility within established and outer areas
-  Potential urban
-  Deferred potential urban
- Non urban**
-  High ecological and landscape interest value
-  Broadscale mixed or intensive farming
-  Planning boundary



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**Strategic Framework Plan**



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# EXTRACTS

NOTE

  
The Planning Scheme which on the 31st of December, 1984, has been amended and varied by the instruments as referred to herein is constituted by the Planning Scheme Ordinance and Planning Scheme Map together with any designated plans and was approved by the Governor in Council on the 30th of April, 1968, and the requisite notice thereof was published in the Government Gazette on the 22nd of May, 1968.

Copies of the documents comprising the Planning Scheme are available for inspection free of charge at the office of the Board of Works and at the office of the Ministry for Planning and Environment and as to so much of the Planning Scheme as relates to land in the municipal district of any municipality at the office of such municipality.

**PART 1A**  
**STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES**

58. (1) The statement of objectives contained in this Planning Scheme is intended to encourage and facilitate the proper use and management of the resources of the metropolitan area and to ensure that development within the area is carried out in a manner which will most effectively promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the people of the various communities of the area with particular regard for balanced consideration of energy, efficiency, employment, environment and equity.
- (2) The statement of objectives comprises the objectives set out in this Ordinance and the strategic framework plan so marked and such plan shall form part of this Ordinance.
- (3) All objectives applicable to a particular consideration shall be read together and each shall be given due weight and consideration in any particular case.
- (4) The objectives of this Ordinance are divided into the following Divisions -

Division 1 Metropolitan Objectives  
Division 2 Strategic Objectives  
Division 3 Zone Objectives

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