

21 MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC STATEMENT

21.01 Purpose

The Baw Baw Shire Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) sets out the future directions for the growth, development and management of land use of the Shire over the next 15 years. It has been prepared by Council to assist it, the community, organisations and agencies by setting down the policy direction that forms the basis for the preparation of the Shire's Planning Scheme. The Statement will also play a major role in assisting to guide decision making on land use and development proposals.

The document encapsulates the broad objectives of the Shire and its various communities within the context of the State Planning Policy Framework set out in the Victoria Planning Provisions. The Baw Baw Shire Municipal Strategic Statement will be reviewed every three years.

The MSS focuses on the key land use planning and development issues affecting agriculture, infrastructure provision within urban areas, natural resource management, urban development and the relationship between these matters and the environment. The MSS nominates initiatives proposed to be undertaken by the Council, policies to be applied in the administration of the planning scheme. The MSS indicates various zones and overlays that have been chosen from the Victoria Planning Provisions to implement and achieve an agreed vision and strategy.