

17.01 EMPLOYMENT

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17.01-1S Diversified economy

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Objective

To strengthen and diversify the economy.

Strategies

Protect and strengthen existing and planned employment areas and plan for new employment areas.

Facilitate regional, cross-border and inter-regional relationships to harness emerging economic opportunities.

Facilitate growth in a range of employment sectors, including health, education, retail, tourism, knowledge industries and professional and technical services based on the emerging and existing strengths of each region.

Improve access to jobs closer to where people live.

Support rural economies to grow and diversify.

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Strategies

Support production and processing facilities that add value to local agricultural, forestry and fisheries products.

Support the development of industry sectors focussed on growing Asian and other international markets.

Support development of coal-to-products industries such as diesel, fertiliser and gas, for both domestic and export markets.

Improve Gippsland's capacity in advanced manufacturing and engineering with particular reference to Latrobe Valley industries.

Support Gippsland's fishing industry by maintaining ports and enabling development of fishing operations at Lakes Entrance, Mallacoota, Port Welshpool, San Remo, Port Franklin and Port Albert.

Facilitate opportunities within aviation-related industries.

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Strategy

Encourage appropriate new and developing forms of industry, agriculture, tourism and alternative energy production.

17.01-2S Innovation and research

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Objective

To create opportunities for innovation and the knowledge economy within existing and emerging industries, research and education.

Strategies

Encourage the expansion and development of logistics and communications infrastructure.

Support the development of business clusters.

Promote a physical environment that is conducive to innovation and to creative activities.

Encourage the provision of infrastructure that helps people to be innovative and creative, learn new skills and start new businesses in locations identified to accommodate employment and economic growth.

Support well-located, appropriate and low-cost premises for not-for-profit or start-up enterprises.

Improve access to community-based information and training through further developing libraries as community learning centres.

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Strategies

Facilitate opportunities for innovation and industry development arising from climate change and initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Support development of the region's research and development capacity in places with an established presence including Churchill and Ellinbank.