Printable Survey

Mildura LGA Planning Scheme Review (Phase 2)

Community Survey | Open until 31 August 2024

For more project information or to complete the survey online please visit:
https://Yoursay.mildura.vic.gov.au/PSReview24



Introduction

Earlier in the year we asked community members what they valued about Mildura LGA and what could be improved. We have taken the results of that consultation along with other research and developed a series of suggested changes to the Mildura Planning Scheme. These changes have been organised into six themes being:

1. Settlement, Housing, Built Environment and Heritage
2. Environment and Landscape values
3. Environmental Risks and Amenity Management
4. Natural Resources Management
5. Economic Development
6. Transport and infrastructure.

Completing the Survey

This survey asks you whether you agree with the proposed changes, disagree with them or are unsure. You only need to answer the questions that interest you and can skip any questions or sections you do not wish to answer.
A reminder that the full summary for each theme is available as a poster on the main project page 2024 PS Review Project Page
We estimate that this will take approximately 10 minutes to complete all sections of the survey.

Next Steps for the Project

The results of this survey and other engagement activities will be used to develop a Draft Planning Scheme which will be available for public comment later this year.

Your Information and Privacy

Survey responses are provided to the Mildura Rural City Council in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987. Your response is part of an open public process where all parties affected by the planning scheme review project can provide input into the project.

By giving us your name, postal contact details and email address you allow your comments to be attributed to you, which is part of an open and transparent planning process.

If you choose to submit a response, you consent to your comments (wholly, or in part, including authorship) being made public as part of an open Council meeting Agenda.

Questions

Theme 1

Settlement, Housing, Built Environment and Heritage

What we heard you say
Some development within Mildura Rural City Council is necessary to provide housing and services for residents and visitors. This development should be carefully considered, in keeping with the heritage and rural feel of the area and should protect farming land.

You told us that:

- You like the distinct character of our towns
- You are concerned about the lack of good linkages between our towns
- You would like a greater access to a range of housing types including smaller less expensive and accessible housing
- You would like more affordable housing including affordable rental housing
- You would like the opportunity to subdivide blocks in some places to reduce housing costs and consolidate the built environment
- You like the country town feel of Mildura City – big enough to access services and shops, small enough to feel like a country town

How the planning scheme review could respond for the future
We are keen to understand your views on the following ideas.

For each question below, please indicate your thoughts by selecting one answer from the options provided.

Question 1
Strengthen and clarify growth and development requirements in the MPS.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 2
Limit urban development to large/key townships within urban boundaries to retain the “country feel”.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 3
Review zones within townships to enable growth based on infrastructure provision.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 4
Review existing structure plans and boundaries for large townships.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 5
Prepare new structure plans for smaller townships.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 6
Better plan for more affordable and diverse housing in townships.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 7
Provide greater heritage and urban design guidance with new local policies.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 8
Prepare municipal or township housing and neighbourhood character studies and appropriate built form controls.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 9
Any other comments about Settlement, Housing, Built Environment and Heritage

Maximum of 500 characters

Theme 2

Environment and Landscape values

What we heard you say

- The landscape of Mildura Rural City Council is loved and is a key asset of the Council. Protecting the landscape from development or major change is important. You told us that:
- You love the Murray River and the riverfront in Mildura City
- You appreciate the access to open space, trees and nature in the Mildura LGA
- You love the parks but would like to see them better maintained

How the planning scheme review could respond for the future

We are keen to understand your views on the following ideas.

For each question below, please indicate your thoughts by selecting one answer from the options provided.

Question 10
Strengthen and better protect areas of environmental significance and values, the natural landscape, rivers and National Parks in the MPS.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 11
Recognise the importance of areas containing Cumbungi and improved vegetation management that balances environmental protection and multiple waterway uses.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 12
Investigate application of the Rural Conservation Zone to freehold land that is currently zoned for a public purpose.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 13
Undertake a review of native vegetation throughout the municipality or in particular ‘hot spot’ areas.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 14
Improve the management and quality of open space reserves.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 15
Any other comments about Environment and Landscape Values?

Maximum of 500 characters

Theme 3

Environmental Risks and Amenity Management

What we heard you say
Mildura Rural City Council is impacted by various environmental risks. You told us that:

- You are concerned about the impact of climate change on agriculture, the natural environment and people
- You would like to see greater access to shade particularly from trees
- You are concerned about the drying climate, drought and water issues
- You are concerned about the health of the river systems
- You are concerned about the impact of climate change on natural resources
- You are concerned about maintaining access to water and river health

How the planning scheme review could respond for the future
We are keen to understand your views on the following ideas.

For each question below, please indicate your thoughts by selecting one answer from the options provided.

Question 16
Provide better reference in the MPS to bushfire risk, reducing environmental pollution and contamination, minimising amenity impacts on sensitive uses and increasing climate change resilience.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 17
Review the ESO4 and its mapping and consider whether a Buffer Area Overlay (BAO) should be applied in its place.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 18
Consider applying the BAO around former and existing landfills and transfer stations.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 19
Better recognise and respond to the challenges of climate change with improved resilience measures and stronger directions and policies for environmentally sustainable development.

Select one answer only

Question 20
Any other comments about Environmental Risks and Amenity Management?

Maximum of 500 characters

Theme 4

Natural Resource Management

What we heard you say
Natural resource management encompasses agricultural and horticultural land, water, irrigation, extractive industries, and timber production. Irrigation, the Murray River, water, and horticultural activities have historically been integral to the region and will continue to play a crucial role in its future economy, providing jobs and opportunities. To remain sustainable, you told us that:

- You are concerned about the impact of climate change on natural resources
- You are concerned about maintaining access to water and river health
- You are interested in opportunities to diversify industries such as horticulture and agriculture

How the planning scheme review could respond for the future

We are keen to understand your views on the following ideas.

For each question below, please indicate your thoughts by selecting one answer from the options provided.

Question 21
Continue to support the municipality's farming and agricultural area for their economic and employment contributions.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 22
Protect farming and agricultural areas from fragmentation by non-agricultural uses.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 23
Remove the SCO1 from the urban areas of town (non-horticulture areas) as these areas are not in the Farming Zone.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 24
Align the Farming Zone minimum lot size (40ha minimum for an irrigation district) to reflect the Mildura Older Irrigation Area Incorporated document that allows a lower minimum lot size. Create a new schedule to the Farming Zone, to separate the Farming Zone (100Ha minimum) for broad acre farming from the irrigation districts with lower minimum lot sizes.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 25
Any other comments about Natural Resources Management?

Maximum of 500 characters

Theme 5

Economic Development

What we heard you say
To manage economic development, you told us that:

- You like agriculture, produce and winery industries.
- You appreciate the markets and tourism and see opportunities for this to increase (for eg. services for RVs, EV charging points)
- You would like to see greater economic and job opportunities in the region including professional employment opportunities

How the planning scheme review could respond for the future
We are keen to understand your views on the following ideas.

For each question below, please indicate your thoughts by selecting one answer from the options provided.

Question 26
Strengthen and better support areas of commercial and industrial activity in the MPS.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 27
Recognise specific tourism opportunities in the MPS and draw linkages to environmental attractions, accommodation and commerce particularly in townships. Review zoning and overlays to facilitate tourism expansion in the right locations.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 28
Provide more industrial land for suitable industries to support economic diversity and create more job opportunities.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 29
Implement the Industrial Land Use Strategy once finalised.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 30
Support a new masterplan for the Murray River waterfront.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 31
Any other comments about Economic Development?

Maximum of 500 characters

Theme 6

Transport and Infrastructure

What we heard you say
Mildura Rural City Council covers a large area and requires good infrastructure to provide for its community. You told us that:

- You would like to see more public transport both long distance and local
- You would like the option of a fast train to Melbourne
- You appreciate the easy access to the Mildura Airport
- You would like better pedestrian and cycling facilities
- You appreciate the community infrastructure but would like better access to health, education and a range of other services
- You would like to see more activities for all age groups (and infrastructure to support this)
- You would like better access to WiFi

How the planning scheme review could respond for the future
We are keen to understand your views on the following ideas.

For each question below, please indicate your thoughts by selecting one answer from the options provided.

Question 32
Strengthen transport network initiatives in the MPS.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 33
Strengthen integrated land use and transport development directions in the MPS.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 34
Support the preparation of greater guidance for development and subdivision that encourages walking and cycling infrastructure.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 35
Continue to support Council partnership work with infrastructure providers to ensure that infrastructure meets the demands of the community and municipality. Undertake further work to review Water Sensitive Urban Design guidelines for new development. a. Agree

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 36
Undertake additional guidance for open space contributions related to residential, commercial and industrial developments.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 37
Support Council advocacy for increased public transport services to meet community needs.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 38
Include a strategic direction for resumption of passenger rail services to Mildura via Ouyen to support other planning objectives for the LGA.

Select one answer only		
◯ Agree	◯ Disagree	◯ Unsure

Question 39
Any other comments about Transport and Infrastructure?

Maximum of 500 characters

Demographics

Please tell us a little about yourself, this helps us ensure we have a good range of responses from across the municipality.

Question 40
What is your relationship with the Mildura LGA? (tick all that apply) Required

Select one answer only	
◯ I live here	◯ I own property here
◯ I work here	◯ I am a visitor
◯ Other	

Question 41
If you are a resident or own property here where is that located? Required

Select one answer only	
◯ Mildura	◯ Merbein
◯ Irymple	◯ Cullulleraine
◯ Koorlong	◯ Ouyen
◯ Red Cliffs	◯ Walpeup
◯ Meringur	◯ Underbool
◯ Werrimull	◯ Murrayville
◯ Nangiloc Colignan	◯ Hattah
◯ Cardross	◯ Cardross
◯ Not applicable (not a resident or a landowner)	
◯ Other locality (Please specify)	

Question 42
What is your age? Required

Select one answer only	
◯ 0-18 years	◯ 56-65 years
◯ 19-25 years	◯ 66-75 years
◯ 26-35 years	◯ 76-85 years
◯ 36-45 years	◯ 85+ years
◯ 46 to 55 years	

Question 43
What is your gender? Required

Select one answer only	
◯ Male	◯ Prefer not to say
◯ Female	◯ Other

Question 44
Your Contact Information

Name: ……

Postal Contact Details:

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Email: ……

Question 45
Please keep me informed about this project as it progresses. Yes □ No □

Please return completed surveys prior to 31 August 2024 to:

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Thank you!

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