

2024 Mildura Planning Scheme Review

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Why are we reviewing the Mildura Planning Scheme?

Project Background

Mildura Rural City Council is reviewing the Mildura Planning Scheme and has appointed a consultant team led by Plan2Place Consulting to prepare a report.

Every four years Council is required to review its planning scheme to make sure it:

- Achieves the objectives for planning in Victoria
- Addresses our land use planning priorities
- Meets the objectives for Mildura set by our Council Plan

The Review will look at how our planning scheme is performing and aims to highlight what is working well and what areas can be improved. It involves analysing the local parts of the planning scheme including the Municipal Planning Strategy, local planning policies and the schedules to the Zones, Overlays, Particular Provisions and General Provisions. These are the tools that are used to determine how best to use, develop and protect land within our municipality. Our planning scheme must be current, written clearly and express Council priorities.

This work also looks at planning issues previously identified in the 2019 Planning Scheme Review:

- Gambling
- Koorlong Landfill and the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 4
- Integrated Water Management/Water Sensitive Urban Design
- Public Open Space Contributions
- Cumbungi at Lake Cullulleraine
- Salinity Management Overlay

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What is Round 2 consultation about?

The results of the first round of engagement we conducted earlier this year, along with other background work, has been used to develop some potential planning responses.

You now have the opportunity to review these responses and provide feedback. This can be detailed or broad depending on your level of interest.

What is the purpose of engaging?

The purpose of this round of consultation is to check in with the community and other stakeholders to ensure that we are on the right track with the review.

Your input can influence:

- Recommendations on policy and strategic work
- Identification of policy gaps
- Identification of inaccuracies of policy, context, or mapping
- Identification of errors or outdated information and policy

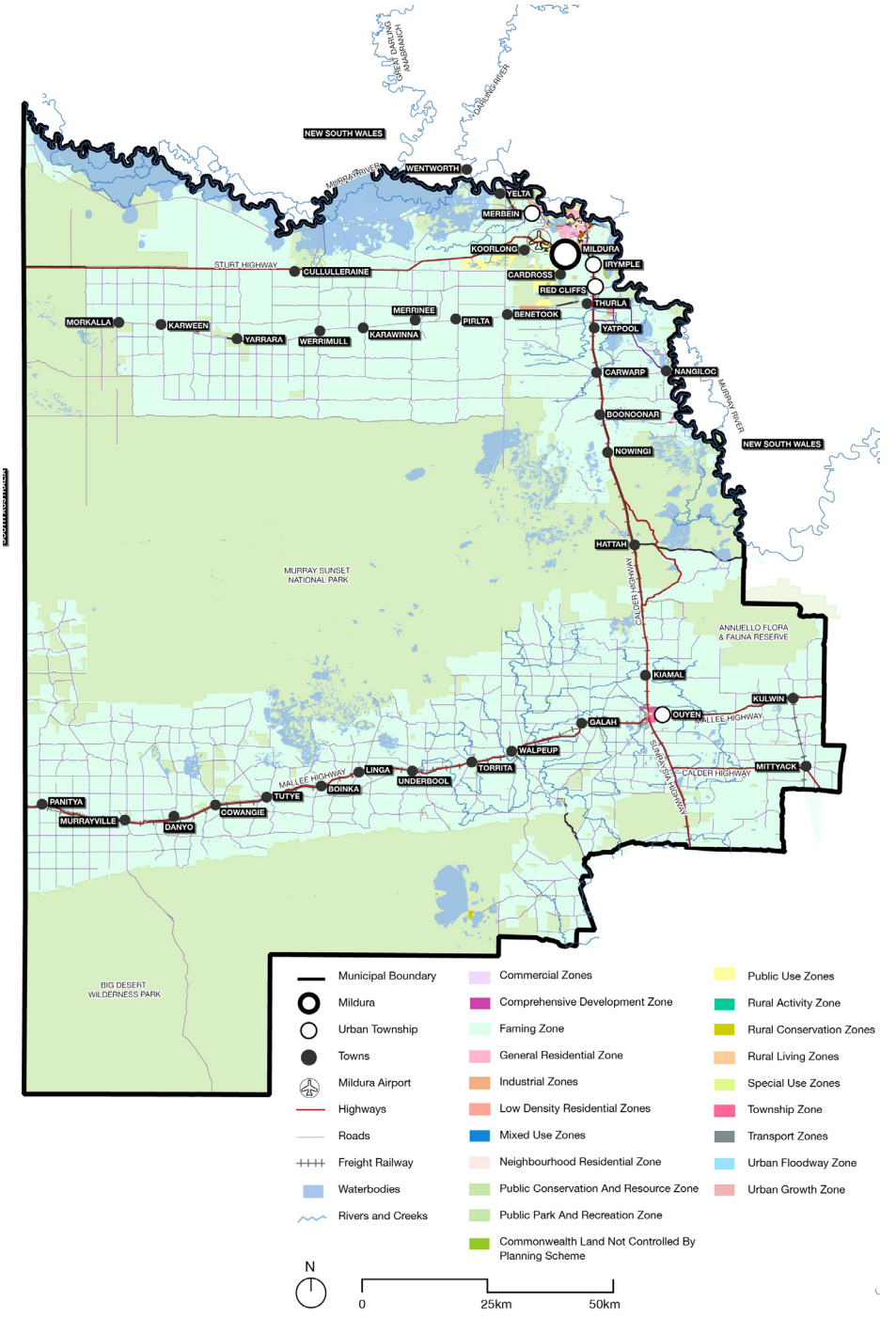
What feedback are we seeking from community and other stakeholders for Round 2 consultation?

Everybody is invited to engage. You do not need a deep understanding of planning. Planners will be available at consultation events to explain the process and listen to your comments.

What did we hear from you previously and what planning themes emerged?

In the first round of engagement we asked what you loved about Mildura as a municipality and what you thought could be improved. The results of that engagement has been themed and we have developed potential planning responses to those themes.

You can learn more about the results at any of the engagement events or by visiting the project page:
yoursay.mildura.vic.gov.au/PSReview24



Emerging Planning Themes (Round 1)

Theme 1: Settlement, housing, built environment and heritage

- 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

Theme 2: Environment and landscape values

- 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

Theme 3: Environmental risks and amenity and natural resource management

- 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
- You are interested in opportunities to diversify industries such as horticulture and agriculture

Theme 4: Economic development

- 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

Theme 5: Transport and infrastructure

- 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

Timelines and Next Steps

After this round of engagement is complete the results, along with other information, will be used to develop a draft 2024 Mildura Planning Scheme Review Report. There will be opportunities to respond to this later in the year.

- JAN 2024 — **Commencement**
- MAY 2024 — **Background**
- MAY 2024 — **Round 1 Consultation**
- AUGUST 2024 — **Round 2 Consultation**
- LATE 2024 — **Draft Report for Exhibition**
- EARLY 2025 — **Round 3 Consultation**
- 2025 — **Draft Report for Adoption**
- 2025 — **Adoption**
- 2025 — **PS Amendment Process**

Round 2 Opportunities – How you can be involved!

Community

An online community survey will also be available on the project page from **1 August to 31 August 2024** and we welcome any input you wish to provide.

An online information session for mid-late August will be announced soon. Please see below for a list of dates, times and places you can visit to have your say and to hear more about the project.

Thursday 1 August

- Midday – 1:30pm, Merbein Library
- 5:30pm – 7pm, Council Deakin Avenue Service Centre, 76 Deakin Avenue, Mildura - Council Room

Friday 2 August

- 3pm – 4:30pm
  MRCC Ouyen Service Centre, 79 Oke Street, Ouyen

Saturday 3 August

8am – midday, Sunraysia Farmers Market, Mildura

Sunday 4 August

- 9am – midday, Red Cliffs Country Market

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Regarding your privacy: Please note if you choose to make a written submission, your submission is provided to the Planning Authority in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987. Your comments are part of an open public process where all parties affected by the planning scheme can provide input into the review. If you choose to provide comments, you consent to your comments being made public, (including authorship) as part of an open Council meeting Agenda.