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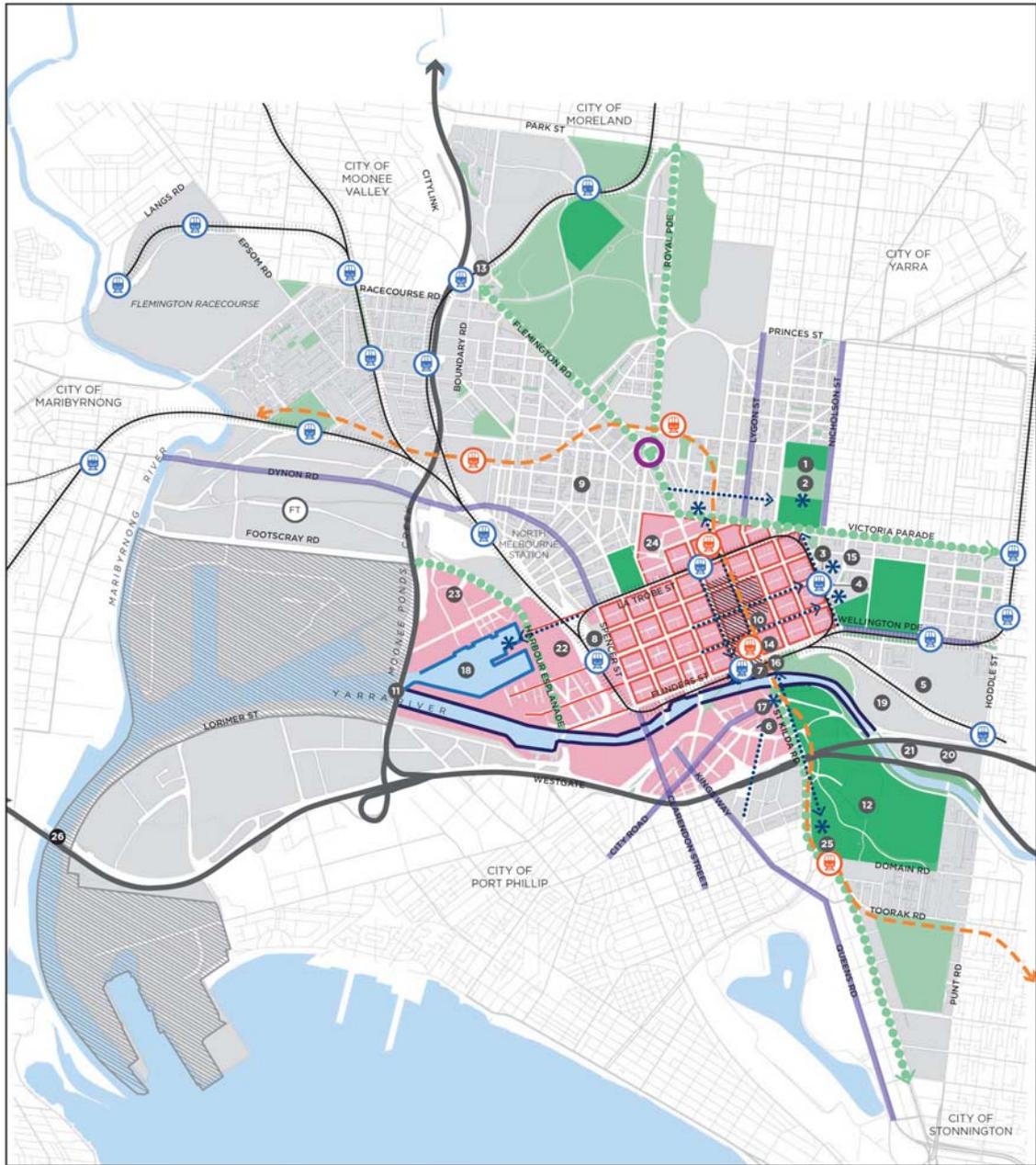
**BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE**

Melbourne's character is defined by its distinctive urban structure, historic street pattern, boulevards and parks, heritage precincts, and individually significant heritage buildings. Heritage buildings, precincts and streetscapes are a large part of Melbourne's attraction and the conservation of identified heritage places from the impact of development is crucial.

The buildings in the private realm should be coordinated with the development of the streets, paths, parks and places in the public realm. Development must add positively to Melbourne's public realm and contribute to making it safe and engaging for users. Public and private open spaces should be able to support a range of uses including physical movement, communal exercising, social interaction, quiet enjoyment and connections to the natural environment.

Climate change is predicted to deliver reduced rainfall, rising sea level and more extreme flooding, intense storms, and heatwaves. The built environment must be designed to moderate and provide protection from these disruptive climate impacts. This must be done in ways that do not exacerbate the problem.

Figure 2 – Built Environment



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- Objective 1 To reinforce the City’s overall urban structure.**
- Strategy 1.1 Protect Melbourne’s distinctive physical character and in particular, maintain the importance of:
- identified places and precincts of heritage significance
  - the World Heritage Listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens
  - The Shrine of Remembrance
  - the Hoddle Grid
  - the Yarra River Corridor, Victoria Harbour and waterways
  - the network of parks and gardens
  - the Hoddle Grid’s retail core
  - the network of lanes and arcades
  - Boulevards.
  - the sense of place and identity in different areas of Melbourne.
- Strategy 1.2 Ensure a strong distinction between the built form scale of the Central City with that of development in surrounding areas.
- Strategy 1.3 Promote a high degree of connectivity and urban transition between the Hoddle Grid and Docklands.
- Strategy 1.4 Maintain the formality and legibility of the Yarra River corridor as a key organising element of the city structure.
- Strategy 1.5 Promote development that is compatible with the scale, character and amenity of public open spaces, and the environs of the Yarra River.
- Strategy 1.6 Ensure that development on the City’s boulevards respects and maintains the prominence of their landscaped character.
- Objective 2 To maintain the designated Yarra River Corridor as a continuous, high pedestrian amenity focus for the city.**
- Strategy 2.1 Promote active land uses such as cafes, restaurants and leisure venues in buildings along the waterfront, particularly those with a northern orientation.
- Strategy 2.2 Ensure developments along the Yarra River address the waterfront.
- Strategy 2.3 Encourage uses with high levels of activity at the waterfront.
- Objective 3 To protect iconic views in the city**
- Strategy 3.1 Protect iconic views, including views to the:
- Shrine of Remembrance along Swanston Street from the State Library,
  - Parliament House along Bourke Street,
  - The Old Treasury Building along Collins Street,
  - Flinders Street Station clock tower along Elizabeth Street,
  - Victoria Harbour along LaTrobe Street,
  - Royal Exhibition Building drum, dome, lantern and flagpole from along Spring Street and Queensberry Street,

- Yarra River from the Hoddle Grid,
- along the Bourke, Collins and Latrobe Street corridors from Docklands.
- The Arts Centre Spire along Sturt Street

**Objective 4 To ensure that the height and scale of development is appropriate to the identified preferred built form character of an area.**

Strategy 4.1 Ensure the design, height and bulk of development in the Urban Renewal Areas creates a high quality built form.

Strategy 4.2 Ensure development in Urban Renewal Areas provides a complementary transitional scale to adjoining low scale buildings in areas where the existing built form character should be maintained.

Strategy 4.3 In areas where the existing built form is to be retained, ensure development is designed to maintain the generally low scale and character of those areas.

Strategy 4.5 In the Hoddle Grid and Urban Renewal areas ensure occupancies in new tower buildings are well spaced and offset to provide good access to an outlook, daylight, sunlight and to minimise direct overlooking between habitable room windows.

**Objective 5 To increase the vitality, amenity, comfort, safety and distinctive City experience of the public realm.**

Strategy 5.2 Ensure that the scale, bulk and quality of new development supports a high quality public realm.

Strategy 5.4 Encourage public art in new developments.

Strategy 5.6 Create diverse public spaces to serve the needs of the City's diverse communities, including children, youth, residents, workers and visitors.

Strategy 5.7 Ensure advertising signs avoid visual pollution and intrusive light spill and respect the architecture of their host buildings, the surrounding streetscape character and skyline.

Strategy 5.8 Ensure development minimises the adverse effects of wind down drafts and provides wind protection to public open spaces suitable for their role and function.

Strategy 5.9 Ensure that development maximises solar access in public open spaces, and creates microclimatic conditions for a high level of pedestrian comfort.

**Objective 6 To improve public realm permeability, legibility, and flexibility.**

Strategy 6.1 Protect and enhance the character and function of laneways.

Strategy 6.2 Ensure the design of buildings and public spaces enhances the public realm and the pedestrian environment.

Strategy 6.3 Ensure that new developments in the Capital City, Docklands, Business and Mixed Use zoned areas provide active street frontages and minimise pedestrian disruption from car access.

**Objective 7 To create a safe and comfortable public realm.**

Strategy 7.1 Ensure built form and land uses promote surveillance of the public realm at all times of the day and night.

Strategy 7.2 Support the use of materials resistant to vandalism and graffiti, subject to their being respectful of the preferred built form character.

Strategy 7.3 Ensure that public and private safety design principles of are incorporated in the development of buildings and public open spaces.

## 21.06 – 2 Heritage

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**Objective 1 To conserve and enhance places and precincts of identified cultural heritage significance.**

Strategy 1.1 Conserve, protect and enhance the fabric of identified heritage places and precincts.

Strategy 1.2 Support the restoration of heritage buildings and places.

Strategy 1.3 Maintain the visual prominence of heritage buildings and landmarks.

Strategy 1.4 In heritage precincts protect heritage buildings, subdivision patterns, boulevards and public open space.

Strategy 1.5 Protect the significant landscape and cultural heritage features of the City's parks, gardens, waterways and other open spaces.

Strategy 1.6 Within heritage precincts and from adjoining areas protect buildings, streetscapes and precincts of cultural heritage significance from the visual intrusion of new built form both.

Strategy 1.7 Protect the scale and visual prominence of important heritage buildings, landmarks and heritage places, including the Shrine of Remembrance, Parliament House and the World Heritage Listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens.

Strategy 1.8 Maintain cultural heritage character as a key distinctive feature of the City and ensure new development does not damage this character.

## 21.06 – 3 Sustainable development

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**Objective 1 To create an environmentally sustainable urban environment with reduced greenhouse emissions**

Strategy 1.1 Ensure that new buildings and new public spaces are environmentally sustainable.

Strategy 1.2 Promote innovative environmentally sustainable development.

Strategy 1.3 Encourage the retention of buildings or parts of buildings that have efficient recycling potential and can be adapted to a variety of uses.

**Objective 2 To make the built environment resilient to heatwaves, water shortages, extreme storm events and sea level rise.**

Strategy 2.1 Design new buildings, streets and public open spaces to minimise their contribution to the urban heat island effect and to contribute to urban cooling.

Strategy 2.2 Ensure that new development incorporates water sensitive urban design features including stormwater harvesting and flow attenuation, and water recycling and reuse.

Strategy 2.3 Ensure that flood risk by stormwater surges, waterway flooding and sea level rise is mitigated and managed.

**Objective 3 To encourage efficient resource use and waste reduction in the City.**

Strategy 3.1 Encourage all new development to maximise water efficiency.

Strategy 3.2 Encourage provision of purpose built storage for recyclable waste, in all development.

- Objective 4 To encourage environmentally sustainable building design innovation**
- Strategy 4.1 Design all new developments to maximise the use of passive systems to achieve comfortable indoor conditions.
- Strategy 4.2 Support new developments that minimise their embodied energy by their use of materials, construction and retention of reusable building fabric.
- Strategy 4.3 Support on-site renewable and low emission energy generation, such as solar hot water, photovoltaic cells, wind powered turbines or combined heat and power generation systems in new developments.