

**21.01**20/06/2013  
C30**THE MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC STATEMENT**

West Wimmera Shire Council applies an integrated approach to land use planning which takes into account sustainable economic, social and environmental perspectives.

The Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) sets out the vision, objectives and strategies for managing the use and development of land within the municipality. It provides the basis for the application of the local policies, zones and overlays and other provisions in the West Wimmera Planning Scheme.

The MSS must be considered in the assessment of planning applications or a plan approval. It must also be taken into account by planning authorities in preparing amendments to the West Wimmera Planning Scheme.

**Structure of Municipal Strategic Statement**

The structure of the MSS includes Background information, Themes, Local Areas, and Operational matters.

**Background information**

Background information is set out in three Clauses. The Clauses are:

- Municipal Profile at 21.02
- Key Issues at 21.03
- Vision at 21.04

**Themes**

The objectives and strategies are set out under five themes:

- Settlement at Clause 21.05
- Land uses at Clause 21.06
- Environment at Clause 21.07
- Landscape and Built Form at Clause 21.08
- Infrastructure at Clause 21.09

**Local areas**

Detailed objectives and strategies for specific local areas of the West Wimmera Shire are provided in Clause 21.10. The local areas are:

- Edenhope
- Kaniva
- Gorokey
- Apsley
- Harrow

**Operational matters**

The operational matters for the MSS are set out in two Clauses. These Clauses are:

- Reference documents at Clause 21.11
- Future Strategic Work at Clause 21.12