



## Introduction

In April 2025 the Department of Transport and Planning released *Plan for Victoria* which identified five pillars for action:

- ***Self-determination & caring for Country***
- ***Housing for all Victorians***
- ***Accessible jobs and services***
- ***Great places, suburbs and towns***
- ***Sustainable environments***

## Position

IPWEA Victoria is an engineering association with a commitment to enabling better public works. Most of its members work with or for Victorian local Councils so IPWEAV is well-placed to support the following **Plan for Victoria** objectives:

### ***More homes***

*We'll aim to build 2.24 million homes across Melbourne and our regional cities and towns over the next 30 years. Local government housing targets will show us where these new homes will go.*

### ***Transport infrastructure***

*We'll reduce commute times and congestion while improving your wellbeing and quality of life by expanding and modernising public transport networks, including trains, trams and buses and supporting active transport with walking and cycling paths.*

### ***Services and community facilities***

*We'll make sure that communities have the public transport, facilities and services they need to lead healthy, productive lives, including schools and kinders, TAFEs, emergency services, health care, active transport and open space.*

### ***Community-centred design***

*You'll have good access to local public facilities and services (such as parks, libraries, community centres and cultural facilities) where you can meet your daily needs close to home.*

### ***Green spaces are great spaces***

*Our parks, streets, homes and public places will be greener and cooler with more canopy trees and street trees.*

### ***Great open space***

*To make sure you can enjoy great parks, reserves and other green public areas, we'll make sure they are suitable for all Victorians and close to homes.*

### ***Active transport***

*We'll prioritise active transport, including cycling and pedestrian pathways, so you have more environmentally friendly and healthy commuting options and safer, better connections to public transport.*

## Statement

IPWEAV will advocate for funding support to help Councils pursue these **Plan** objectives.