

PUBLIC MEETING

"Macedon Ranges Localised Planning Statement"

Tuesday 13th February 2018, 7.30pm

Gisborne Mechanics Institute, 8A Hamilton Street, Gisborne

- In 2014 the State government said it would protect Macedon Ranges' towns, character, landscapes, rural land, heritage and environment "for good" with legislative protection, based on Statement of Planning Policy No. 8 (the current Macedon Ranges and Surrounds policy).
- The government has introduced Distinctive Areas and Landscapes legislation ✓ **but...**
- Although it is supposed to be 'protecting', the Localised Planning Statement is nothing more than an urban growth plan that **turns our towns into Sunbury**, and leaves Macedon Ranges **less protected** than it is today.

The government hasn't listened to the Macedon Ranges' community.

The LPS is not what the government promised.

It's not keeping Macedon Ranges rural, and it's not protection.

Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc is a not-for-profit, volunteer, local community group that has fought for State-level protection for Macedon Ranges for 18 years.



State Significance: **STATE PROTECTION**

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The Localised Planning Statement locks in suburban growth, not protection.

It does NOT protect what matters to the Macedon Ranges' community.

- ? Do you live in Macedon Ranges because it has a unique character and it's special and not like Melbourne?
- ? Do you object to the Localised Planning Statement pushing metropolitan Sunbury-style growth into Macedon Ranges Shire, expanding our town boundaries and turning Macedon Ranges into an urban growth area?
- ? Do you object to hundreds, if not thousands, of hectares of rural land being added to our towns for new urban development (including 800ha alone at Woodend, Kyneton and Romsey, possibly 500ha at Romsey and write your own ticket at Gisborne), *on top of growth already planned for until 2036?*
- ? Are you concerned that this is happening without consulting you about whether it should happen at all?
- ? Are you angered that the State government has produced a Localised Planning Statement that doesn't make it a priority to protect rural town character, landscapes, rural land, heritage and environment?
- ? Do you want the State government to replace this Localised Planning Statement with a Statement that gives us the protection we need to keep Macedon Ranges' unique character and environment, without expanding our town boundaries?

IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES', here's what you can do:

1. Make a submission on the Localised Planning Statement by February 19th 2018

Go to <https://engage.vic.gov.au/macedon-ranges-localised-planning-statement> Avoid the online survey and scroll down to the heading "Upload a Submission", where you can attach a file and submit it.

Email a copy of your submission to the Minister for Planning richard.wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au,
and local Macedon MP mary-anne.thomas@parliament.vic.gov.au

2. Attend MRRA's PUBLIC MEETING on 13 February

Guest speaker: Professor Michael Buxton. Information about the LPS, and what you can do.

Motions will be put to the meeting.

This public meeting allows Macedon Ranges Shire residents to take a stand and make their collective voices heard.

Tell your neighbours and friends, wherever they live in the Shire, this meeting is for them.