

GROWING VICTORIA TOGETHER: A VISION FOR VICTORIA TO 2010 AND BEYOND

| VISION | GOALS | MEASURES |
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| THRIVING ECONOMY | <p>More quality jobs and thriving, innovative industries across Victoria</p> <p>Growing and linking all of Victoria</p> | <p>There will be more and better jobs across Victoria • Victoria's productivity and competitiveness will increase • A greater share of national business investment will be in Victoria • Victoria will increase exports to \$30 billion by 2010</p> <p>Victoria's total population will reach 6 million people by 2025, and regional population growth will increase to 1.25 per cent annually by 2006 • Regional rail services will be available to more Victorians • The proportion of freight transported to and from ports by rail will increase from 10 per cent to 30 per cent by 2010 • Public transport use in Melbourne as a proportion of trips taken by motorised means will increase from 11 per cent in 2002 to 20 per cent by 2020</p> |
| QUALITY HEALTH AND EDUCATION | <p>High quality, accessible health and community services</p> <p>High quality education and training for lifelong learning</p> | <p>The health of Victorians will improve • The wellbeing of young children will improve • Waiting times (emergency, elective and dental) will be reduced • Levels of confidence in health and community services will increase</p> <p>The proportion of Victorian primary students achieving the national benchmark levels for reading, writing and numeracy will be at or above the national average • By 2010, 90 per cent of young people in Victoria will successfully complete Year 12 or its educational equivalent • The level of participation in vocational education and training of adults aged 25-64 years will increase</p> |
| HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT | <p>Protecting the environment for future generations</p> <p>Efficient use of natural resources</p> | <p>The health of Victoria's rivers will improve significantly by 2010. In particular, the Snowy River will be returned to 21 per cent of its original flow by 2011, and 28 per cent over time • The quality of air and drinking water will improve • The extent and quality of native vegetation will increase • The condition of our land will improve as the impact of salinity and soil degradation is reduced</p> <p>Greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of energy will be reduced • More efficient use of water in agriculture • Melbourne's water usage will be reduced by 15 per cent on a per capita basis from the 1990s average by 2010 • The quantity of solid waste generated will be reduced, and the amount recovered for reuse, recycling and energy generation will increase</p> |
| CARING COMMUNITIES | <p>Building friendly, confident and safe communities</p> <p>A fairer society that reduces disadvantage and respects diversity</p> | <p>Crime will be reduced by 5 per cent from 2003 to 2008, and Victorians will feel safer • Annual deaths and serious injuries from road crashes will be reduced by 20 per cent over the period 2002 to 2007 • The extent and diversity of participation in community, cultural and recreational organisations will increase • More Victorians will be able to get help from friends, family or neighbours when they need it</p> <p>Disadvantage in health, education and housing among communities will be reduced • The number of early school leavers who are unemployed after six months will decline • The prison population will not grow as quickly and re-offending will be reduced • The appreciation of diverse neighbourhoods and communities will increase</p> |
| VIBRANT DEMOCRACY | <p>Greater public participation and more accountable government</p> <p>Sound financial management</p> | <p>More Victorians from all backgrounds will have the opportunity to have a say on issues that matter to them • There will be regular reports on progress in improving the quality of life for all Victorians and their communities</p> <p>An annual budget surplus of at least \$100 million • A triple A credit rating will be maintained • Victoria's taxes will remain competitive with the Australian average</p> |