

3.0 VISION - PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN

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Development in the Cranbourne West Precinct will set new benchmarks in best practice urban development. It will 'complete' the existing community of Cranbourne West to form a well serviced, socially equitable neighbourhood with a comprehensive range of social infrastructure. It will enrich the employment opportunities available within the City of Casey by offering opportunities for a wide range of business types.

Development of large residential and employment areas side by side within the Precinct presents a design challenge. The vision therefore is to produce an integrated living and working environment that fosters a diverse and dynamic blend of lifestyle and commerce opportunities, unprecedented in an outer suburban location.

Natural and cultural features will, where possible, be protected, enhanced and integrated within the development to form an intrinsic part of its character. Housing options will range from detached houses on family-sized blocks to apartments close to shops, services, and public transport, and include accommodation for the retired, aged and mobility-impaired. The scale of the development will enable the provision of a comprehensive range of community facilities and services, including 'daily needs' within a comfortable walking distance of all dwellings.

Good road access to the development will be maintained. However, a comprehensive network of public transport, walking and cycling routes will be established to foster more sustainable modes of travel. Buildings and services will meet high environmental standards, and leading edge telecommunications infrastructure will be provided to attract high-technology businesses and assist people in working from home.

Cranbourne West will become known as a leading example of best practice in sustainable urban development. This will set it apart from other developments and lift the identity of Cranbourne, attracting residents, businesses and visitors who place a premium on ecologically, socially and economically responsible lifestyles.

