The Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPA) is working to prepare a Precinct Structure Plan for Leneva-Baranduda which will provide detailed guidance on a range of matters, including bushfire management, integrated water management, utilities and infrastructure required to service the area, road cross sections, bicycle and pedestrian networks, concept designs, and principles for centres/hubs and WREN interfaces.

Community feedback provided in 2012 on the draft Leneva-Baranduda Growth Area Framework Plan, the Wodonga Growth Strategy currently being finalised by the City of Wodonga, and the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan currently being prepared by North East Water will provide information to the preparation of the Future Urban Structure, Precinct Structure Plan and infrastructure contributions.

The MPA and the City of Wodonga are working towards a public exhibition process where there will be the opportunity for submissions to be made through a Planning Scheme Amendment to implement the Precinct Structure Plan.

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The vision for the Leneva-Baranduda Precinct Structure Plan has evolved from strategic work that the City of Wodonga undertook in 2012 and 2013. This includes the draft Leneva-Baranduda Growth Area Framework Plan, and community consultation. It is also being informed by additional technical work currently being finalised. Earlier work undertaken by the City of Wodonga focussed on themes of sustainable growth, economic, environmental and social cohesion, waste minimisation and facilitating healthy, high-quality life outcomes for future urban environs. As such the draft vision for the Leneva-Baranduda Precinct Structure Plan is:

With the Baranduda Range, Flagstaff Hill and Bears Hill as the backdrop to the future urban area, the Leneva-Baranduda Precinct Structure Plan will have a well defined urban character that has a strong relationship to the surrounding rural landscape. This will be achieved by strategically directing growth away from the Wodonga Retained Environmental Network (WREN) and seeking to retain as much as possible of the scattered tree population within the future street network.

The future urban area will have an emphasis on affordable and sustainable living and will be a place where people can enjoy a healthy lifestyle and strong community. The foundations for this vision are based on an urban structure comprising a walkable street and trail network, housing and lifestyle choice, local jobs, local schools, and safe, attractive and functional open space areas which offer a broad range of recreational pursuits. The foundations are also based upon a traditional urban structure comprising of a grid of streets which will ensure safe and efficient local traffic movement and provide the capacity for future expansion of the public transport network.

The urban structure concept supports an engaged community with development opportunities that encourage access to local employment, participation in community and recreation activities, and contributing positively to the physical and social health and well being of the community.

The draft plan identifies that the Baranduda Town Centre will offer employment, shopping, services and facilities for the future community that will complement existing Wodonga. Utilising proximity to the natural features such as the Wodonga Retained Environmental Network, Middle Creek and surrounding hills as well as the Baranduda Fields Sporting Complex will inspire further design guidance of the Town Centre.

The draft plan encourages connectivity to employment opportunities such as health, education, community and/or civic facilities. Important to the future of Wodonga’s competitiveness will be the provision of a range of housing types in a high amenity setting that meets the needs of a diverse community throughout different life stages. This will ensure that Leneva-Baranduda can accommodate the growing local population and attract future populations from the surrounding region including from metropolitan Melbourne.