## 02.01 CONTEXT

23/05/2024-/-/---C166monaProposed C176mona The City of Monash is one of Melbourne's most populous municipalities, with over 190,000 residents as of 2021. It is located approximately 20 kilometres south east of the Central Business District.

Monash is an established, residential and business region in Melbourne. It has suburban characteristics with mature canopy treed environments throughout the municipality, identified heritage areas and an urban garden character enjoyed by the community.

Covering 82 square kilometres, Monash is home to several key regional economic, educational, health, research, sporting, recreational and cultural assets. These include, Monash University (Clayton Campus), the Monash Medical Centre, the Victoria Police Academy, Holmesglen TAFE campuses, Jells Park, Monash Gallery of Art, Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre and Waverley Netball Centre.

The major land use in Monash is residential land, however, there are significant areas of commercial, industrial and open space land uses. This includes Glen Waverley, Oakleigh and Clayton Major Activity Centres, the Monash Technology Precinct. Monash also contains the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster that contains a critical mass of leading education, health, research and commercial facilities that makes a major contribution to the national economy and Melbourne's place as a global city.

Land use planning and development issues include:

- Consideration of development that is consistent with preferred neighbourhood character for the area.
- Determining appropriate locations for, and design of, multi-dwelling and new development to support a polycentric approach.
- Continued success of and activities associated with the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster, Monash Technology Precinct.
- The need for more sustainable transport patterns.
- Maintaining and enhancing the city's natural areas.
- Guiding change within activity centres and Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East Structure Plan Areas.

Other land use issues relate to open space, transport linkages, provision of appropriate housing and industrial uses, water catchment health and environmental works both upstream and downstream of the municipality, the interface between conflicting land uses and linkages to key educational facilities.

The City of Monash comprises a well-maintained road network, two rail lines and a network of bus routes. The Monashroutes. Delivery of the SRL stations at Clayton, Monash, Glen Waverley and Burwood will link the two existing train lines. The Monash Freeway is the major arterial freeway and this is supported by the Princes Highway and Springvale Road.

## **Regional context plan**





