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The City of Kingston is located within Melbourne's south eastern band of middle suburbs, approximately 17 kilometres southeast of the Central Business District. It is framed by the Port Phillip coastline to the west and major arterial road corridors to the north and east.

Kingston is one of the largest and most physically diverse municipalities in metropolitan Melbourne, comprising an area of approximately 91 square kilometres. It combines substantial residential areas with vibrant activity centres, agricultural and non-urban green wedge areas, as well as an industrial sector which forms one of the largest and most concentrated manufacturing regions in metropolitan Melbourne.

Kingston's natural open space areas are one of the community's most highly valued resources. Its diverse natural environments incorporate significant parklands, wetlands, open space and waterways, as well as the largest stretch of coast in a single municipality in metropolitan Melbourne. The city's regional prominence is heightened by the presence of the Moorabbin Airport, which is recognised as one of the busiest airports in Australia.

The Estimated Resident Population of Kingston in 2016 was 158,941 people, with approximately 61,666 households and an average household size of 2.5 people. Kingston's population is projected to reach approximately 190,890 by 2036, making up an anticipated 77,041 households.

Consequently, over the 20 year period, 15,375 new households are expected to establish in the municipality (ID Consulting). In addition to these population increases, land within Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East Precincts will capitalise on the proximity to the new SRL stations to accommodate substantial growth and change into the 2050s.

Kingston is a major employment destination for local residents and those of neighbouring municipalities. Over 30 per cent of jobs are held by local residents with a further 37 per cent held by residents in the council areas immediately abutting Kingston. The largest economic sector in the municipality is manufacturing.