



Building Liveable Communities for an Ageing Society

Presentation to Ageing Seminar Series

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Overview

1. Structural impacts of population ageing – need to respond within a broader social context
2. Integrated approach to land use planning and community development/engagement
3. Both universal and targeted responses required
4. Planning required at State, Regional and Local Government Level
5. Community planning can provide processes to identify universal and targeted priorities for spatial planning

DPCD.....*building liveable communities....*

- DPCD was established in August 2007 to integrate planning with community development and help the growth of liveable communities.
 - *Improved planning and design for sustainable communities* – the importance of well designed and sustainable built environments, and coordinated planning.
 - *Better access to housing, infrastructure, jobs and services* – the importance of affordable living, employment opportunities and good services.
 - *Increased opportunities for participation* – the importance of social capital, governance, diversity and inclusion.

DPCD.....policy context

Portfolios

- Planning
- Local Government
- Sport and Recreation
- Community Development
- Youth
- Seniors
- Women's
- Multicultural Affairs
- Community Services (Disability)
- Veterans
- Skills (ACFE)

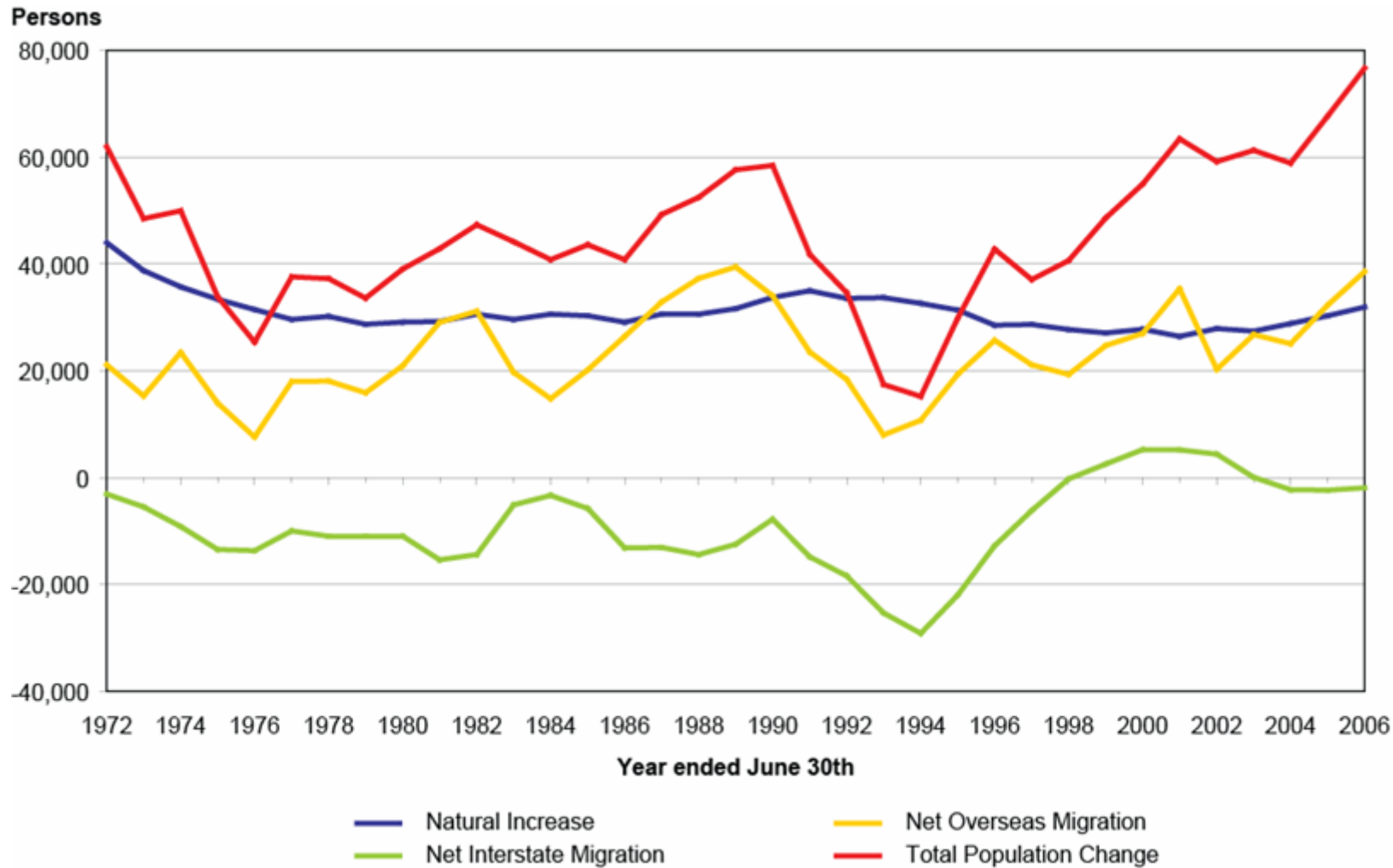
Key Whole of Government Policy Frameworks

- Melbourne 2030/Planning for All of Melbourne
- A Fairer Victoria
- Moving Forward: 2008-2010
- Transport Plan
- Skills reform
- Green Paper on Climate Change
- VCEC Inquiry into Liveability
- Go for your life

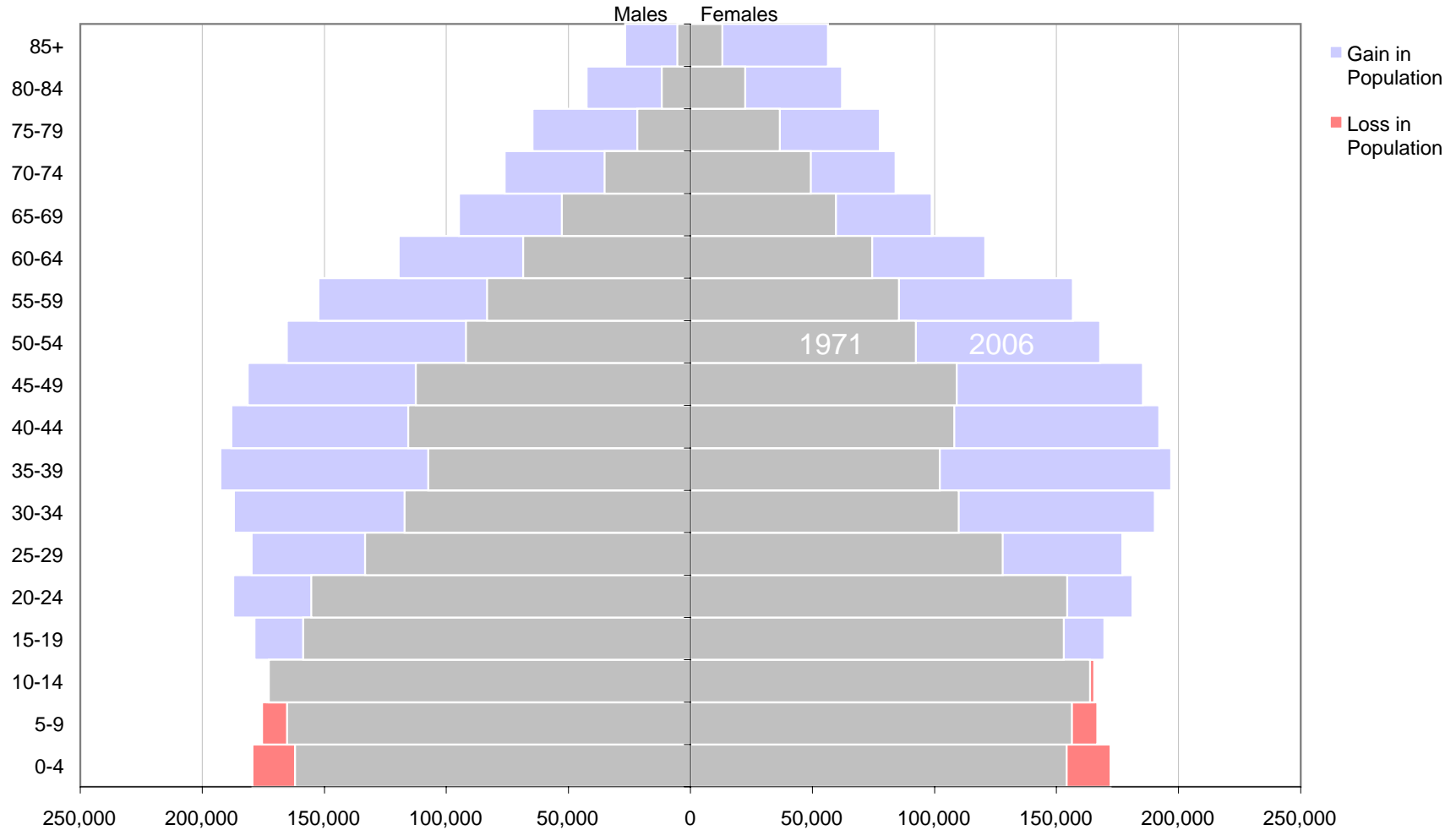
Broader demographic and change context.....

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 - Record population growth

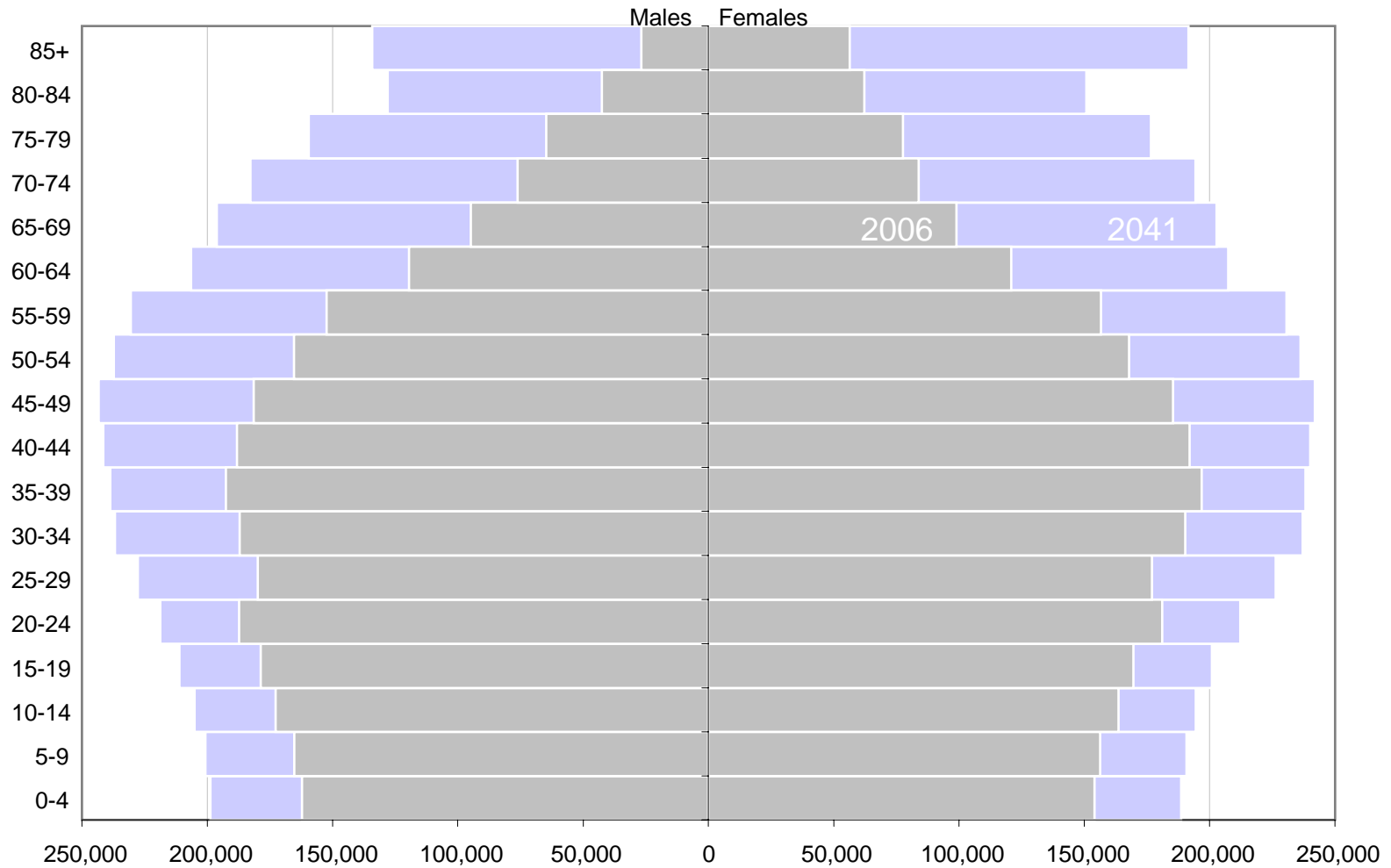
Components of population change, Victoria, 1972 - 2006



Change in age structure, Victoria, 1971-2006



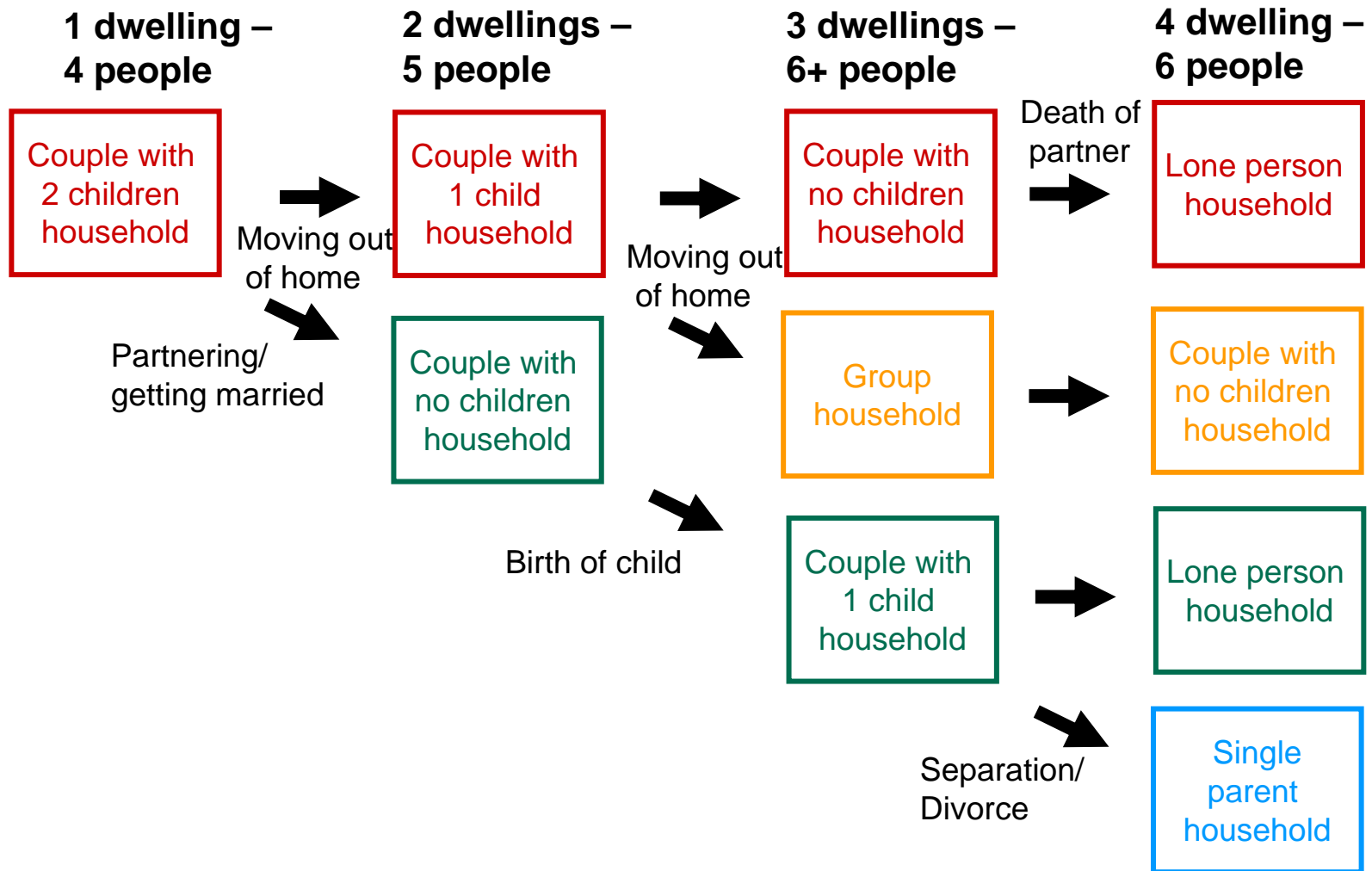
Change in age structure, Victoria, 2006-2041



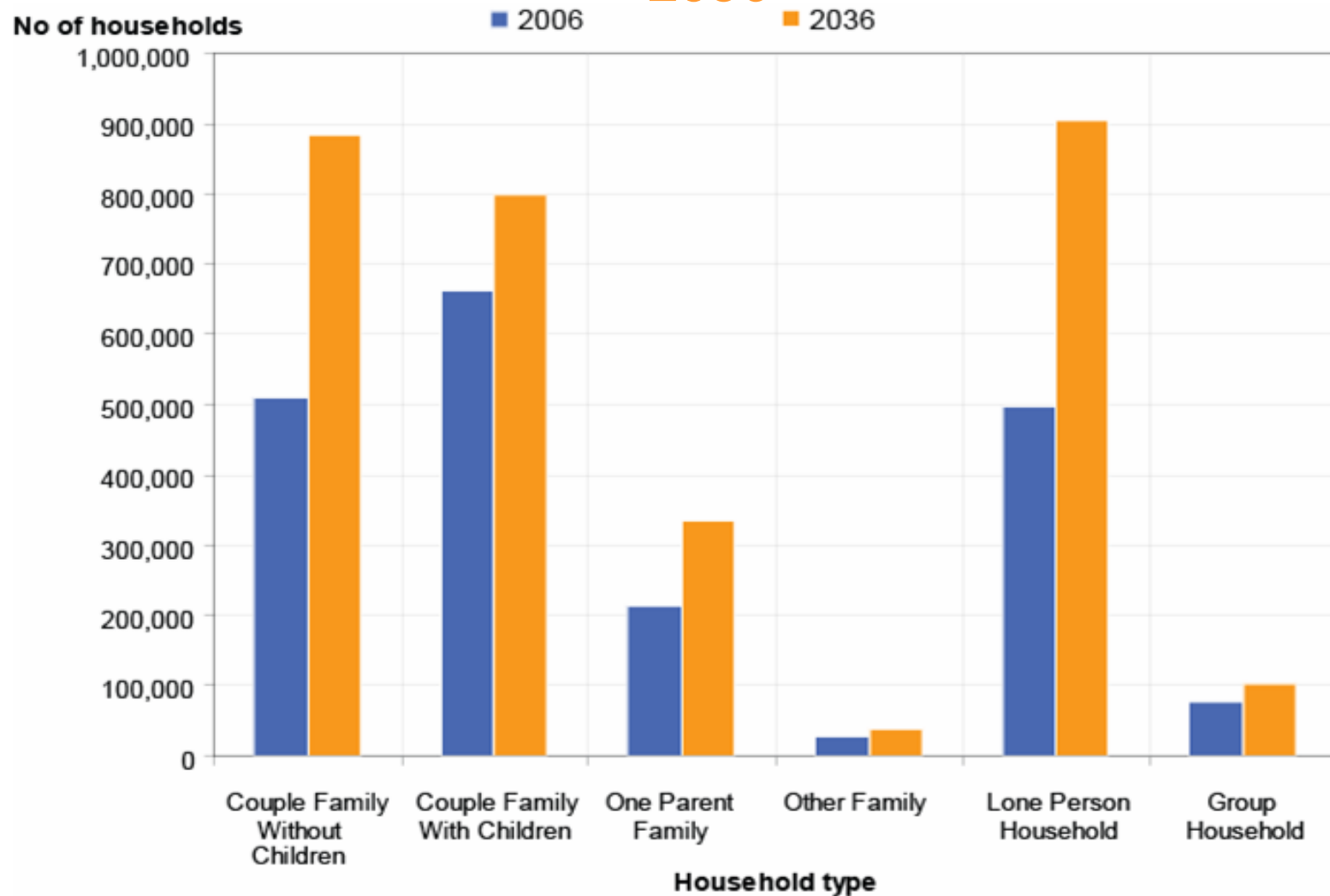
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Changing household formation and composition



Projected changes to household types, Victoria, 2006-2036



Broader context.....

- Ageing will drive significant social change, but it is one force amongst many:
 - Record population growth
 - Increasing diversity through migration and household diversification
 - Climate change impacts and adaptation
 - Continuing globalisation, including mobility of human capital
- Governments will need to respond to ageing within a broader social change context

Ageing Policy.....an approach

Individual Enablers

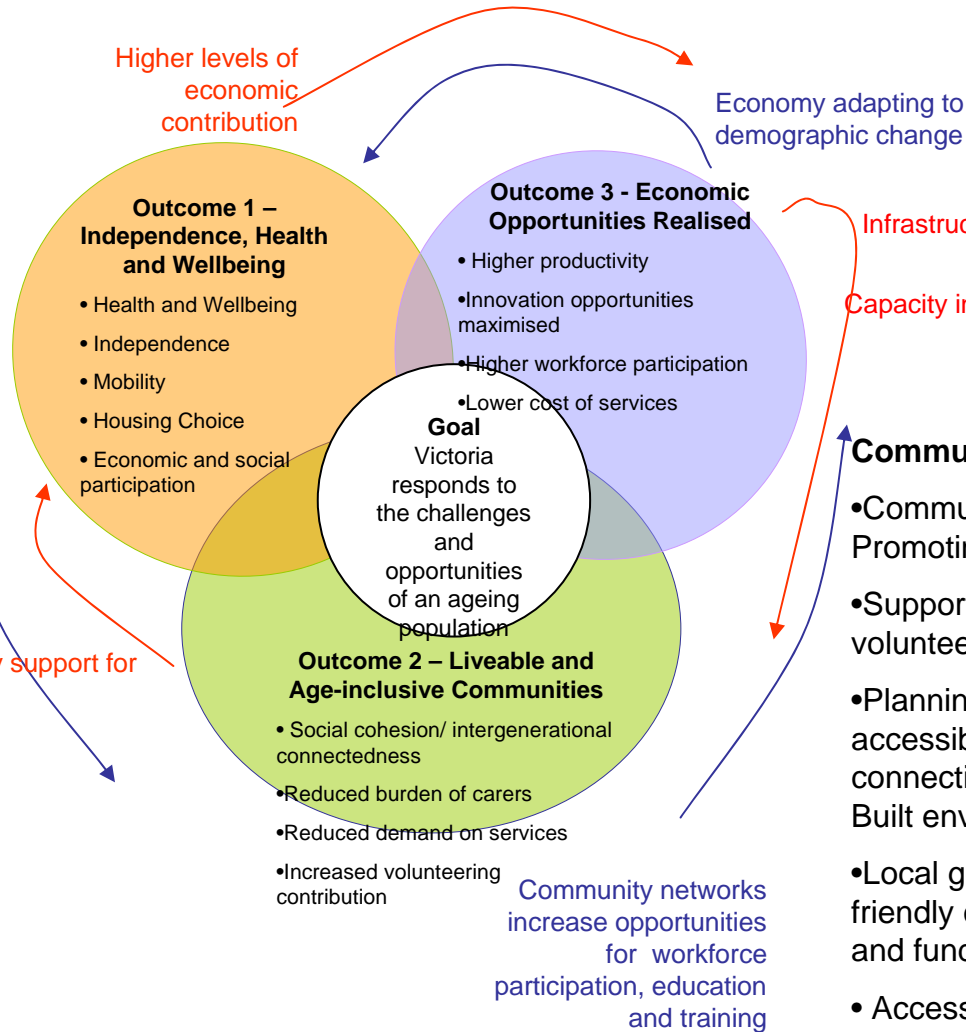
- Promoting Health and Active living
- Chronic disease management and nutrition
- Primary mental health prevention/ intervention
- Active service model
- Support for carers

Individual participation in community

Community support for inclusion

Principles

- Diversity and inclusion
- Valuing and respect
- Life course approach
- Early intervention/prevention
- Whole of government



Market Enablers

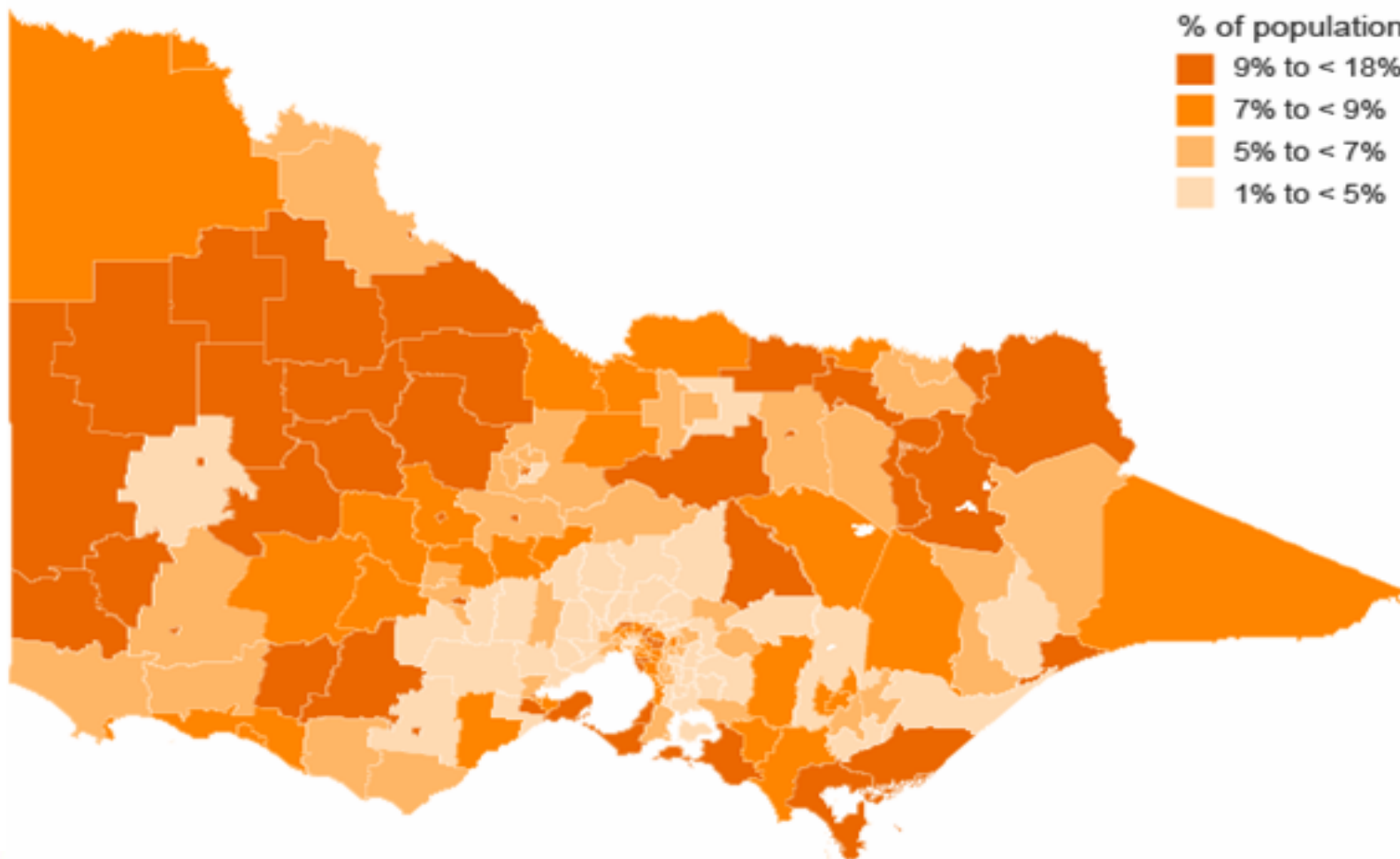
- Consumer Protection
- Support for skill acquisition
- Workplace flexibility
- Assistance to employment (WPP)

Community Enablers

- Community Awareness – Promoting Positive Ageing
- Supporting and promoting volunteering
- Planning reform to improve accessibility, walk-ability and connectivity (urban design) Built environment
- Local government age friendly community planning and funding
- Accessible housing standards
- Social housing
- Transport/advice to maintain safe driving/ transition to non-driver

Ageing has a clear place dimension

Population aged 75 years and over
Statistical Local Areas, Victoria 2006



Place-based Context

- Place-based responses will be required alongside population responses
- Victoria leads Australia in placed-based approaches to liveable communities
- Building liveable communities links strategy with localised collaboration and investment
 - Community Renewal: Social Inclusion objectives of *A Fairer Victoria* using community based governance
 - New Communities: Melbourne 2030 principles reflected in local planning and industry partnerships

Integrating people and place

- A strategic place-based approach is about trade-offs between
 - short and long-term priorities
 - various people group priorities
- Key to addressing trade-offs is:
 - enhancing universal planning to benefit as many people as possible and minimise specific/residual population needs eg seniors
 - supporting targeted population strategies to meet remaining equity gaps

Priorities of an ageing community

- **Liveable ageing communities should support**
 - Housing choice: smaller houses for smaller households
 - Accessibility: buildings, public spaces and social infrastructure
 - Maintaining mobility: walkability, transport options, connectivity of infrastructure
- **Requires universal and targeted strategies**

Housing

Universal

- Housing eg M2030 increasing housing options
- Accessible housing through adoption of universal/visitable standards

Targeted

- Public/Social Housing supply
- Better housing options for vulnerable older people
- Information, consumer advocacy
- Support for climate change adaptation
- Support for modifications

Accessibility

Universal

- Improve the accessibility of public space through planning sector reforms
- Adapt existing urban areas to improve walkability and level of connectivity
- Develop and apply minimum building standards and universal design principles for public areas

Targeted

- Enhance the capacity of local councils
- Investing in community infrastructure (but increasingly multipurpose)

Mobility

Universal

- Capacity and accessibility of mass transit public transport services
- Supportive environments eg pedestrian friendly for walkability, or motorised scooters

Targeted

- Maintain safe driving for older Victorians, driver to non-driver supports
- Seniors' transport connections projects/ demand responsive services
- Concessional arrangements/affordability

Integrating the universal and targeted

- Community planning can provide processes to identify universal and targeted priorities for spatial planning
- Age-Friendly Communities demonstrate that integrated community/spatial planning requires:
 - Detailed community profiling and projections
 - Engagement of diverse community voices
 - Using pragmatic deliberative processes not just community ‘wish list’
 - Partnership by all levels of government

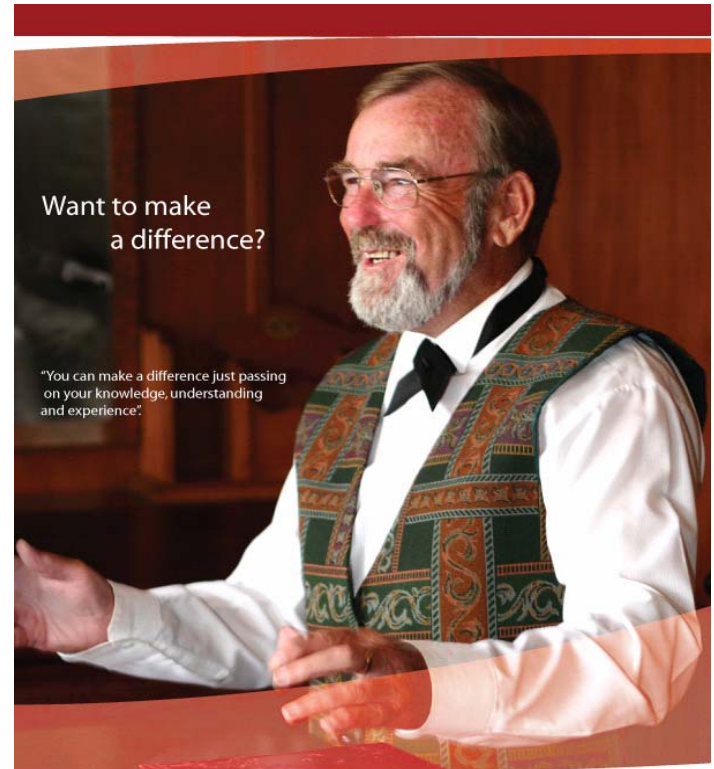
Warrnambool – Community Skills Bank

Wealthy & Wise Positive Ageing Project

Aim: to address the economic aspects of positive ageing in a rural community

Method: Partnership and consultation and

Sustainable Outcomes –
The Community Skills Bank



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Southern Mallee & Wimmera Transport Connections

- New bus network in Victoria's north-west is reconnecting socially isolated residents with the community.



- The partnership has brokered the first deal in the state to allow senior citizens on a school bus route to use spare seats to travel into Sea Lake. And once a week the hospital uses its community bus to collect residents from Nullawil, Culgoa and Berriwillock for connection to the town.

Next steps in a strategic response to ageing in Victoria

- Development of whole-of-government *Ageing in Victoria* framework that will build on the opportunities and challenges of an ageing society, including
 - Good health and wellbeing
 - Maximising economic opportunities
 - and
 - ***Liveable, safe and sustainable communities***
- Framework will be released in 2009