

## 2.11 BUILD A SUSTAINABLE CITY

*Most literature on modern cities focuses on encouraging the urban setting to minimise its impact on the environment in order to create places that endure. Melbourne is ideally placed to demonstrate its commitment to becoming a sustainable city consisting of interconnected communities and integrated, biologically diverse open spaces, and in so doing will increase its capacity to meet its lifelong needs.*

- Support and strengthen the city's 'people climate', ensuring that residents, workers and visitors are offered abundant high-quality amenities and experiences that meet their 'quality of life' demands.
- Design spaces to be receptive to contributions from a wide range of social and cultural groups, inviting participation in the city's rich urban life and celebrating its unusual blend of cohesion and diversity.
- Establish environments that encourage children and young people to participate in family, community and social life, to join in activity programs, and to enjoy green spaces in ways that will help to ensure an ongoing engagement with the city.
- Increase diversity in planting throughout the city, using native or indigenous species wherever possible to reduce water use and introduce habitat that supports natural systems.
- Develop planning frameworks that require Water Sensitive Urban Design to be built into the design of all public places and spaces.
- Implement a long-term strategy for managing Melbourne's boulevards and major roads, including sustainable management of trees and increased provision and safety for cyclists, pedestrians and public transport users.



*Planning for the next decade and the future city includes nurturing the young as the citizens of tomorrow, creating long-term robust landscapes, and providing realistic alternatives to a cityscape dominated by motor vehicles.*

