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Context

Knox is located 25 kilometres east of Melbourne and covers 114 square kilometres. It occupies the traditional land of the Wurundjeri and the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation.

Knox is situated between the Dandenong Creek Valley, Lysterfield Hills and the Dandenong Foothills. These regionally significant environmental and landscape features define the character and image of Knox and provide recreational and open space benefits.

Less than 5 per cent of Knox's land area retains native vegetation. Nearly 90 per cent is listed as endangered or vulnerable. Remaining vegetation communities are at risk from inappropriate clearing and fragmentation.

Knox is renowned for its residential lifestyle, employment opportunities and social and recreational attributes. People in Knox enjoy relatively good levels of health and wellbeing with good access to community and leisure facilities and services.

From 2016 to 2036 the population of Knox is expected to grow to 185,406 and there will be 12,485 new dwellings (id, May 2018).

The community is diversifying and ageing. The main household type is families with children, and this group will increase over the next 20 years. The number of older people is forecast to nearly double. This will see an increase in the number of smaller household types making up just over half of all households in Knox within 20 years.

In 2016, 55,800 people worked in Knox. An additional 15,000 new jobs will be created in the next 20 years. Most employment is located within five identified Significant Business Locations.

The main employment industries are manufacturing, retail trade, wholesale trade, healthcare and social assistance and professional, scientific and technical services.

The major arterial road network in Knox provides a high level of accessibility for employment and community activity. Knox's public transport network includes the Belgrave train line, SmartBus and local bus routes.