21.03 KEY ISSUES

21.03-1 Key Planning Issues in the Shire

Taking into account the physical and economic characteristics of the Shire as identified in Part 2, the Council has identified the following key planning issues:

- The protection and management of the Shire’s natural resources and environment.
- The protection and management of agricultural land and the need to encourage agricultural diversity.
- The responsible use and management of inappropriately subdivided rural land.
- The maintenance of viable communities at times of static or low population growth.
- The retention of the established character and ethos of existing townships.
- The protection of the cultural and heritage assets of the Shire.
- The management of rural residential and other small lot rural development.
- The need to generate further employment opportunities.
- The promotion and facilitation of tourism development.

These issues form the foundation of the objectives, strategies and controls which are embodied in this Planning Scheme.