

# Food, planning and urbanisation

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## Peri-urban Melbourne

- **Remains a critical site of production**
- **Long-standing planning policy approaches, but lacking certainty and clarity**
- **Diverse farming systems and emerging needs to support them**
- **Melbourne at 8 million cannot afford to simply follow past trends**





**Table 9.2.** Share of value of agricultural commodities (mainland states), 2016–2017

	QLD	NSW	SA	VIC	WA
Immediate metro region (share of state)	3.7%	4.6%	6.0%	10.3%	3.6%
Extensive peri-urban region (share of state)	9.4%	9.7%	—	24.1%	13.4%
State value of agriculture (\$billion)	14.01	14.50	7.23	14.02	8.99

Note: no extended area was available for South Australia.

Source: ABS (2018c), value of agricultural commodities produced, Australia, 2016–2017 (SA4 level).

**Table 9.3.** Average \$ value of agricultural production per farm business, 2016–2017

	QLD	NSW	SA	VIC	WA
State average	756 908.93	552 822.60	748 310.01	638 950.53	1 013 297.44
Immediate metro region	518 499.85	616 938.40	434 688.84	720 924.64	551 568.49
Extensive peri-urban region	661 877.59	484 241.76	—	701 545.06	533 304.31

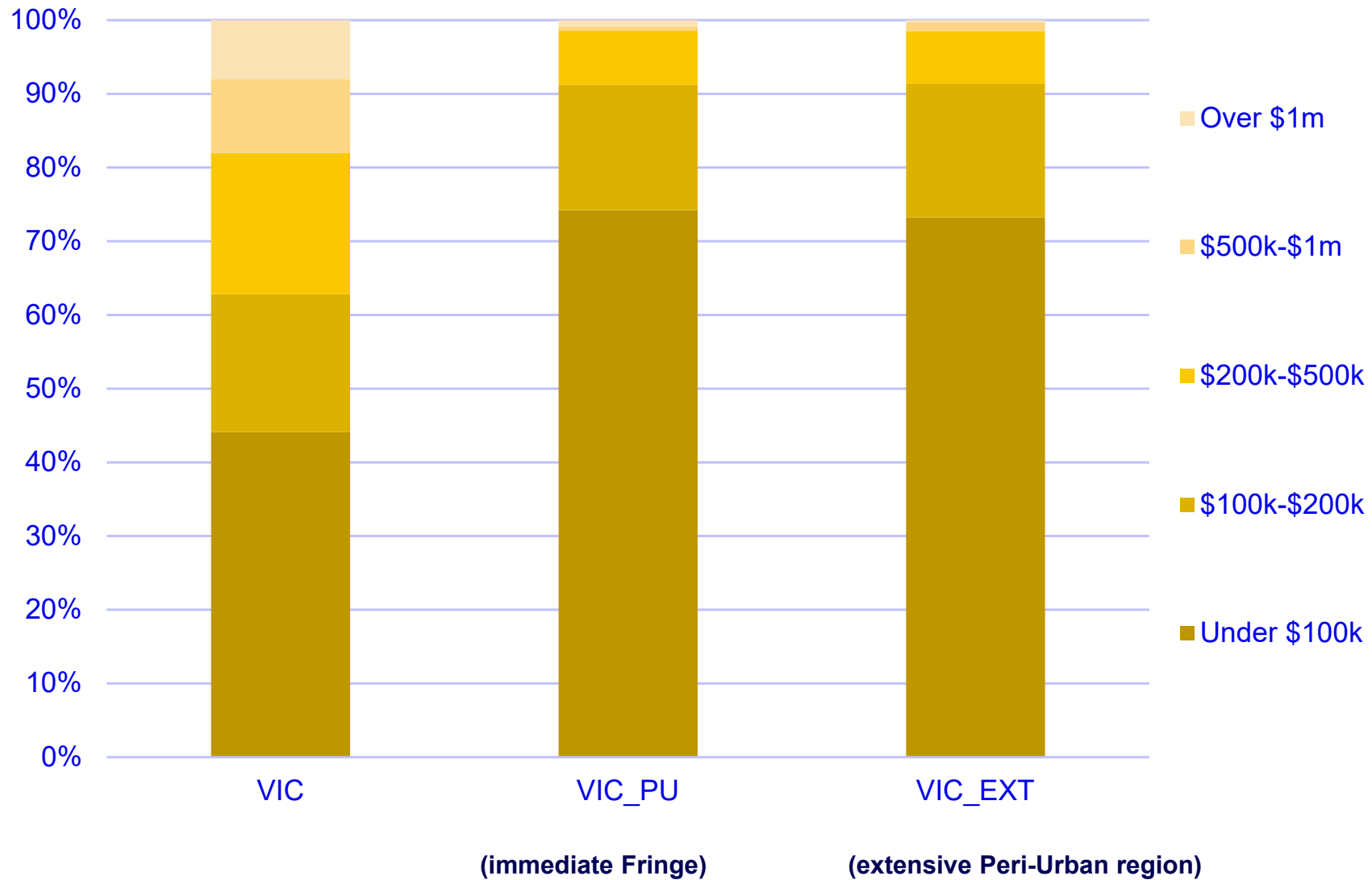
**Table 9.4.** Melbourne region averages – vegetable growing

	Yield (\$/ha)	Scale (ha/business)	Business size (\$/business)
VIC average	30 526.67	47.68	1 455 671.43
Immediate metro region	34 327.01	44.72	1 535 071.45
Extensive peri-urban region	31 729.61	36.92	1 171 469.12

**Table 9.5.** Adelaide region averages – vegetable growing

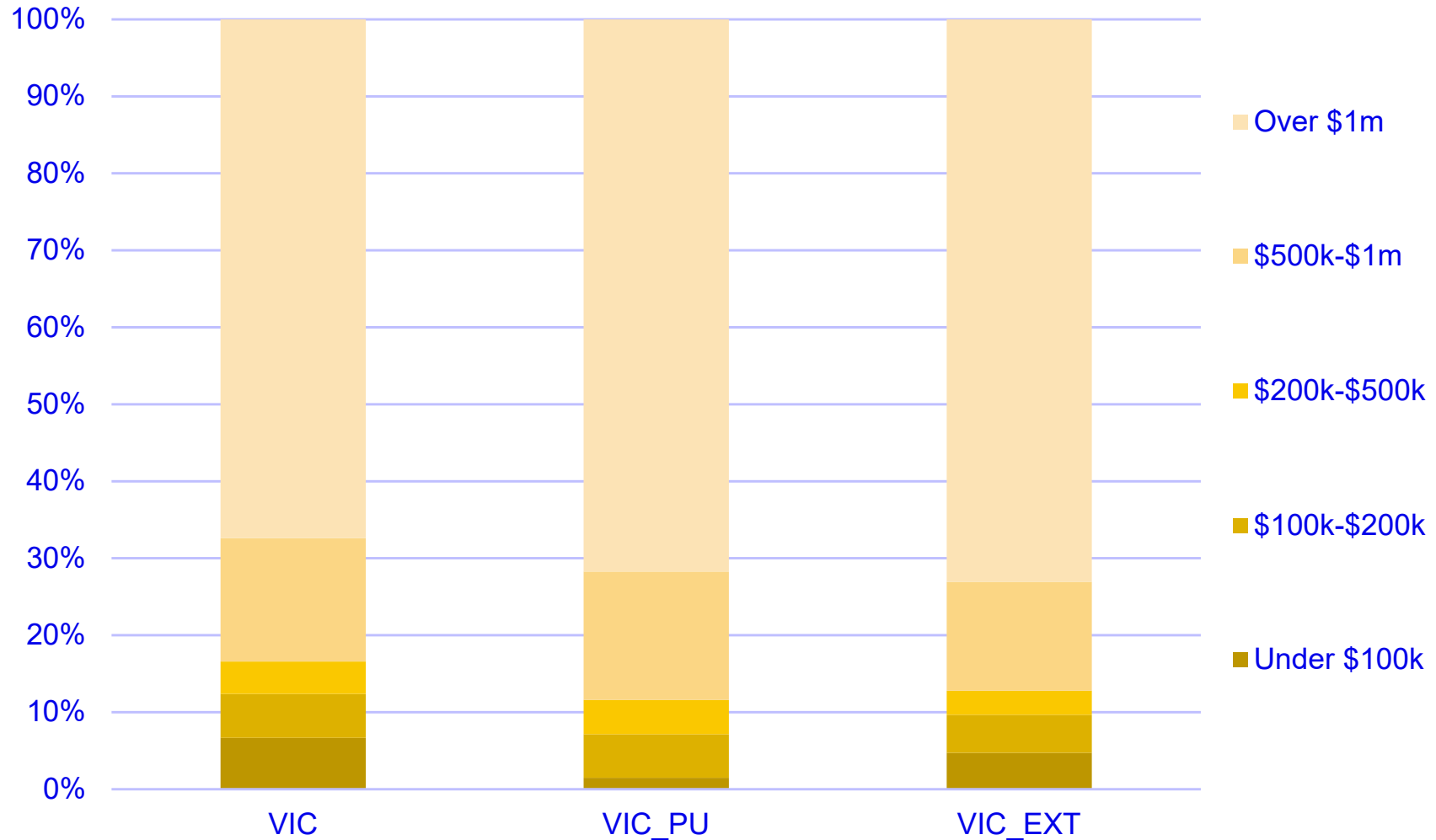
	Yield (\$/ha)	Scale (ha/business)	Business size (\$/business)
SA average	45 231.28	34.95	1 581 017.49
Immediate metro region	71 647.48	8.22	588 681.47

# Estimated Value of Agricultural Output 206-17 – Beef Cattle Enterprises



Source: Buxton and Butt, 2020

# Estimated Value of Agricultural Output 206-17 – Chicken Meat Enterprises



Source: Buxton and Butt, 2020



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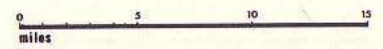


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## Peri-urban place and the Planning System

- Long term planning – opportunity to maintain this considered legacy
- Need to ensure it is supported
- Risks of ‘dilution’ and another UGB ‘breakout’
- Between 2005-2013 the UGB increased by about 500sqkm (N, SE, W) – more than Whitehorse, Maroondah, Knox, Monash and Greater Dandenong LGAs together.
- This can’t be the future solution to urban growth

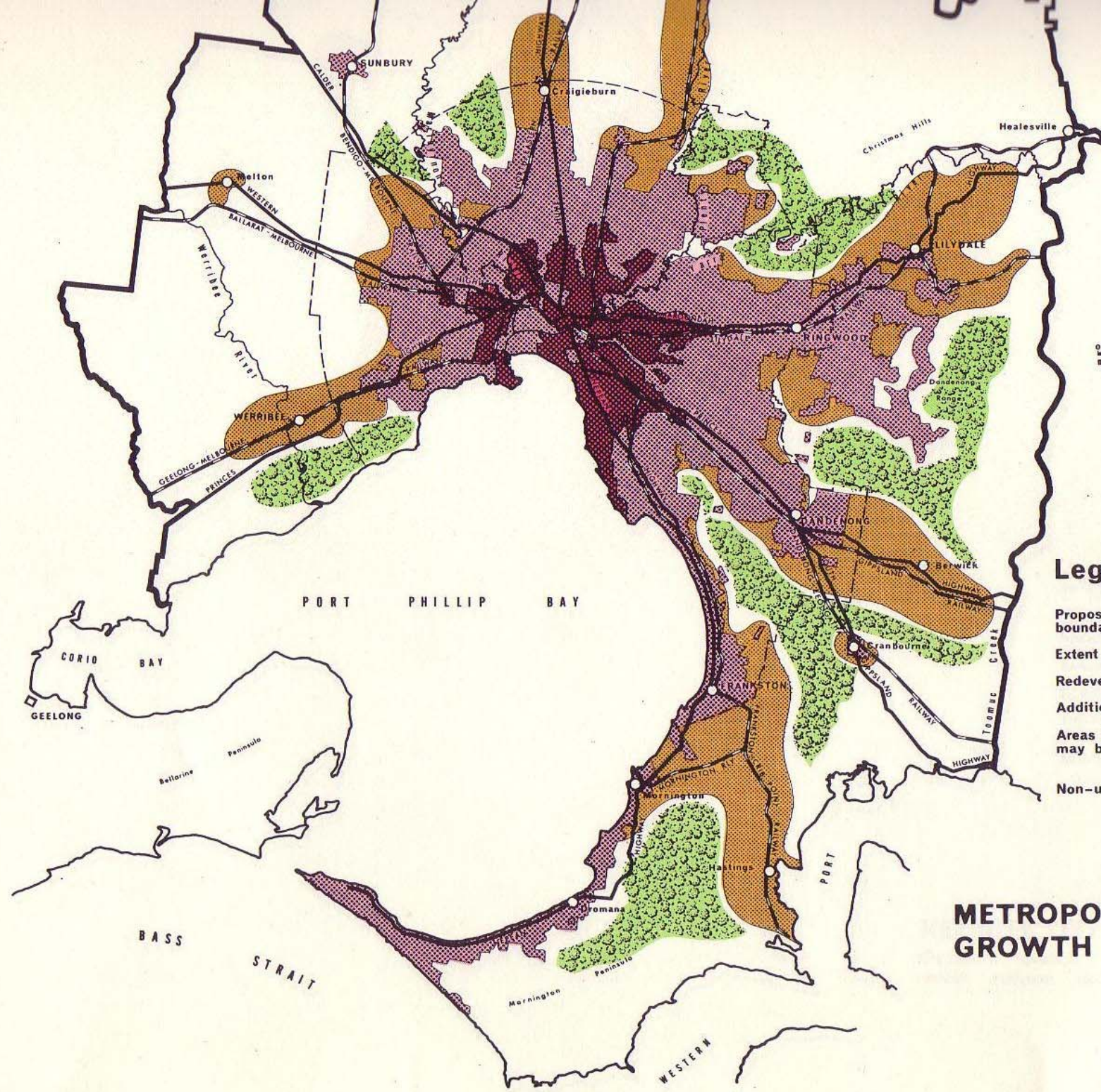




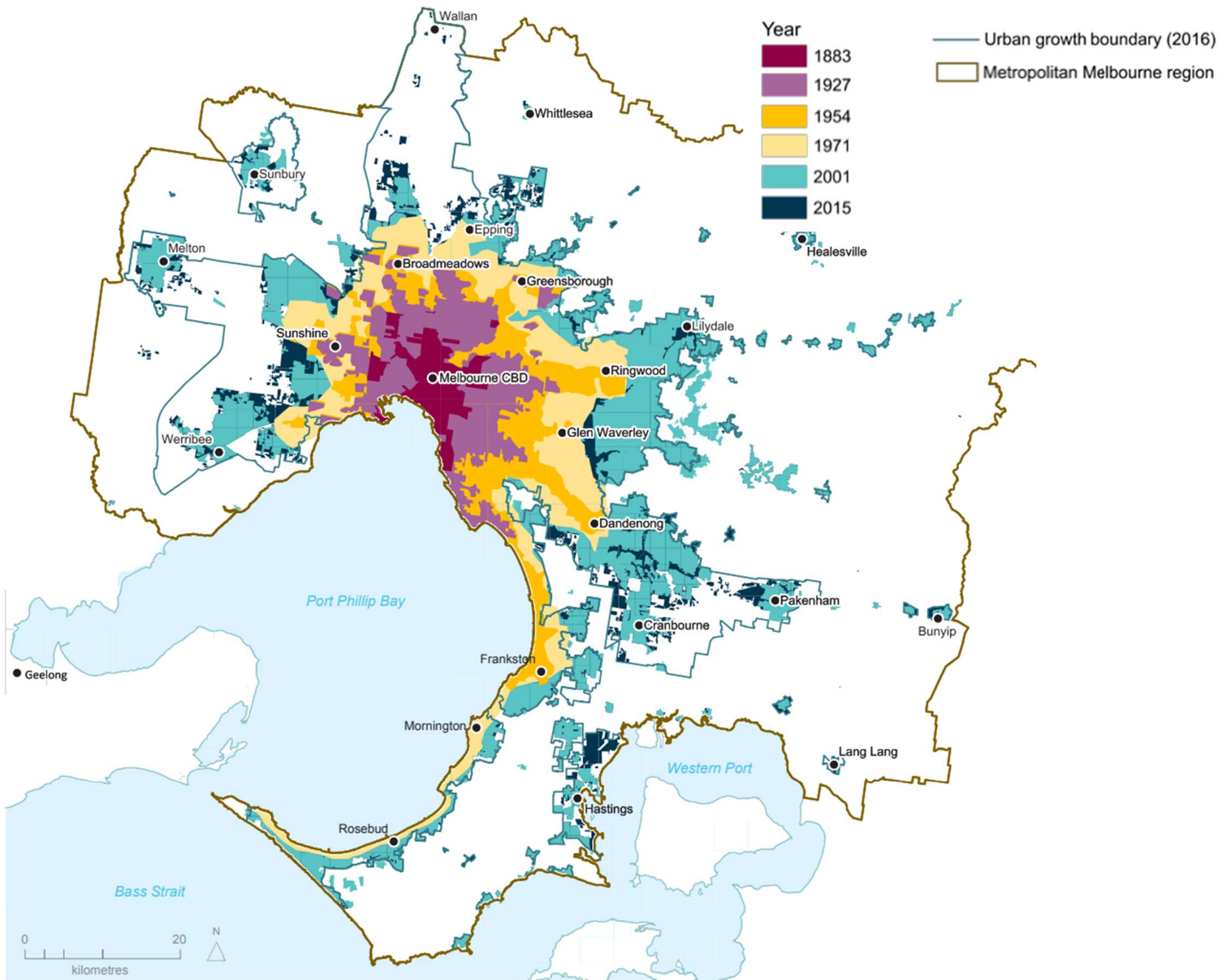
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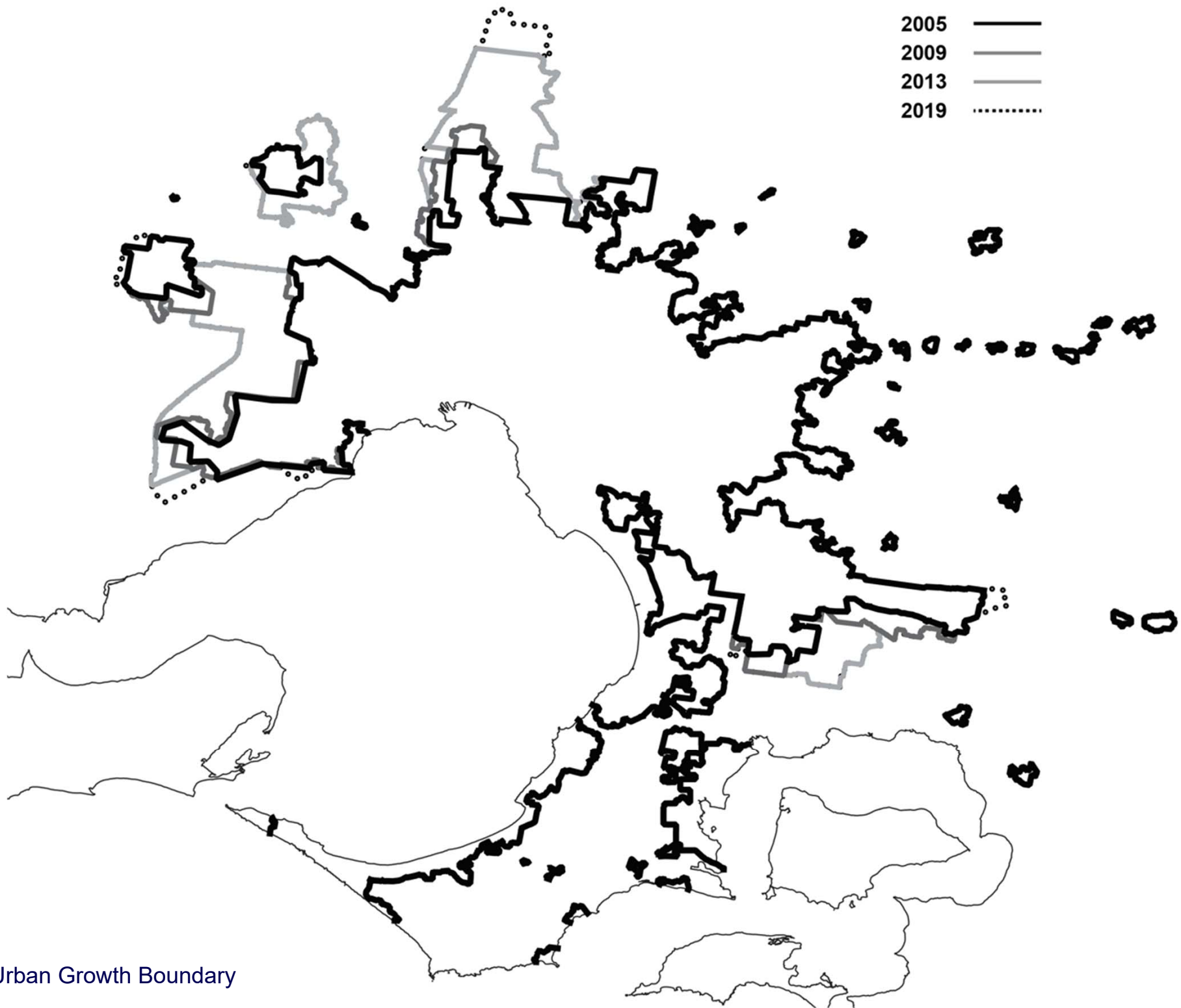
- Proposed metropolitan region boundary
- Extent of present urban zones
- Redevelopment area
- Additional urban areas
- Areas in which special protection may be needed
- Non-urban areas - Uncoloured balance of region

## METROPOLITAN GROWTH CORRIDORS









Melb. Urban Growth Boundary

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## Critical Issues

- **The city needs better solutions than more peri-urban growth**
- **Farming is 'real' in the region – and innovative – planning must support this**

