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The Hon Dr Denis Napthine
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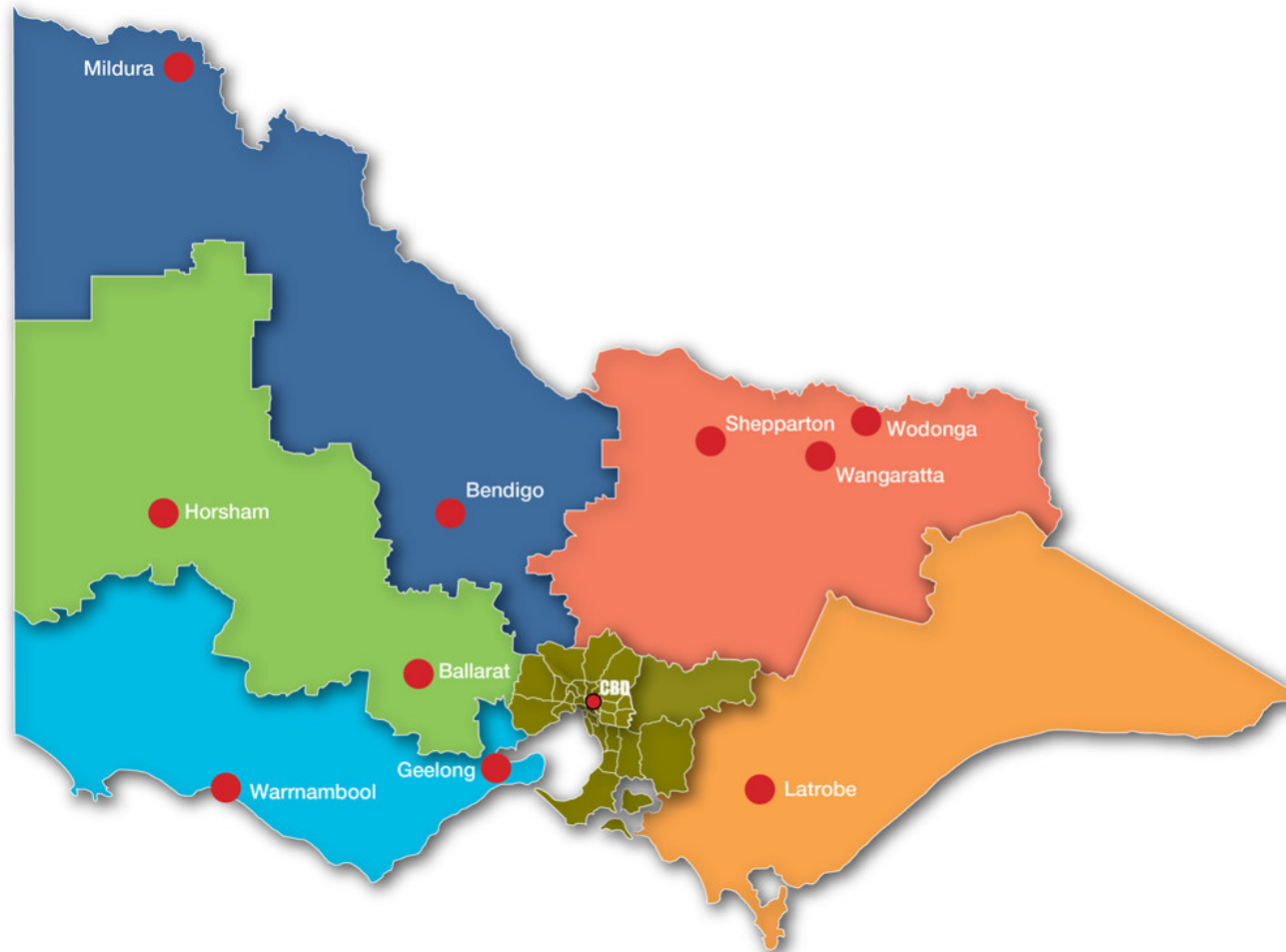


Vision for Portfolio

- Regional cities play an important role in the social and economic future of the State; enabling Melbourne to remain a liveable city.
- As viable alternatives to Melbourne's growth, regional cities provide capital city type experiences with country lifestyles.
- Regional cities are key services centres, driving regional economies, supporting regional communities and strong contributors to the prosperity of the State.
- The Regional Cities portfolio will co-ordinate government action and responsiveness in regional cities.
- The Minister for Regional Cities acts as an advocate for regional cities within the State and Federal Governments.



Regional Cities – A Key Focus





Key Achievements

- Support for economic development
 - Latrobe Valley Industry and Employment Roadmap
 - Car Trade Feasibility Study for the Port of Geelong
 - Mildura Waterfront & Airport
- Delivering key initiatives including:
 - Skilled Stadium Upgrade
 - Ballarat Western Link Road Development
 - Bendigo Hospital Upgrade
 - Bendigo Greyhound Track



Priorities for 2011-12

- Delivery of Election Commitments in Regional Cities
- Delivery of major projects scheduled for Regional cities
- Deliver co-ordinated action and investments in Regional Cities



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