



Draft Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2048

We are required under the Local Government Act 2002 to develop an infrastructure strategy that covers a period of at least 30 years, as part of our Long-Term Plan (LTP). We are currently working on our new LTP for adoption in June 2018 and a draft infrastructure strategy has been developed as part of this process.

What is infrastructure?

Infrastructure is the fixed, long-life structures that enable the provision of core services to the community. Good infrastructure enables businesses and communities to flourish.

Our infrastructure includes important community assets such as water supply, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, transport/roading, parks, open spaces and community facilities. This accounts for 88% of our operating expenditure and 98% of our capital expenditure.

What is an infrastructure strategy?

An infrastructure strategy informs our community about:

- » the significant infrastructure issues that must be addressed in the next 30 years
- » the main options for dealing with those issues
- » the cost and service delivery implications of those options
- » the preferred option that we consider will best meet the needs of our community

Significant issues

Our infrastructure strategy identifies a number of significant issues that require consideration as part of the draft LTP. We are seeking community feedback on the following three key issues:

- » Ensuring that sewer connection pipes on private land (private laterals) do not negatively impact the performance of MDC's wastewater system. We are considering changing our approach and making the replacement of private laterals (from the main pipe to the property boundary) the responsibility of MDC.
- » Increased traffic and heavy vehicles on some of our rural roads means we need to upgrade many of them and to a higher specification. This means an increase in level of service which will require greater investment.
- » Water usage in our district is high and we need to find ways to use water more efficiently. We are considering installing residential water meters to help us achieve this.

For more information, please refer to our draft Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2048

