

# Victorian Local Government Comparator Groups

## LGPRF PRACTICE NOTE NO.5

### Context

Local Government Victoria (LGV) intends to deliver three products which present comparative analysis of council performance by groupings, being:

- a website which enables users to compare Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) performance results for up to four councils at a time;
- the annual results of the Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) that benchmarks relative community satisfaction levels between 'like' groupings of councils;
- an annual sector report which will present analysis and case studies from the LGPRF and other LGV datasets.

To ensure there is a logical basis for comparison and the ability to compare across LGV datasets, standardised 'Victorian Local Government Comparator Groups' (VLGCG) have been adopted. Whilst adoption of the VLGCG is on the basis that these are the primary groups used in LGV analysis, reports and publications, it does not prevent the use of other groups for sub-sectoral analysis.

### Methodology

The methodology for selecting groupings is based on the closest practical alignment with the membership of the following existing self-identified groups:

- Interface Group of Councils<sup>1</sup>;
- Regional Cities Victoria; and
- Rural Councils Victoria.

A population threshold of 15,000 has been applied to determine membership of the small and large rural councils, rounded to the nearest thousand. It should be noted that there is otherwise no underpinning statistical or demographic factors for selection of these groupings.

### Review

LGV commits to review the groupings every five years in line with the National Census to ensure the groupings are acceptable as a basis for comparing performance. The review will be undertaken in consultation with the LGPRF Steering Committee which will be made up of sector representatives.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that, despite being a member of the Interface Group of Councils, Mitchell Shire Council has been included in the large rural grouping as three quarters of their population reside in the rural part of the Shire.

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#	Metropolitan	Population
1.	Banyule (C)	125,503
2.	Bayside (C)	99,947
3.	Boroondara (C)	172,612
4.	Brimbank (C)	197,701
5.	Darebin (C)	148,728
6.	Frankston (C)	135,243
7.	Glen Eira (C)	144,059
8.	Greater Dandenong (C)	149,518
9.	Hobsons Bay (C)	91,148
10.	Kingston (C)	153,079
11.	Knox (C)	155,508
12.	Manningham (C)	118,521
13.	Maribyrnong (C)	81,859
14.	Maroondah (C)	111,223
15.	Melbourne (C)	122,207
16.	Monash (C)	185,037
17.	Moonee Valley (C)	117,337
18.	Moreland (C)	163,488
19.	Port Phillip (C)	104,846
20.	Stonnington (C)	105,981
21.	Whitehorse (C)	163,697
22.	Yarra (C)	86,506
	Interface	Population
1.	Cardinia (S)	87,008
2.	Casey (C)	283,415
3.	Hume (C)	188,832
4.	Melton (C)	127,677
5.	Mornington Peninsula (S)	153,800
6.	Nillumbik (S)	62,872
7.	Whittlesea (C)	187,006
8.	Wyndham (C)	199,715
9.	Yarra Ranges (S)	150,098
	Regional City	Population
1.	Ballarat (C)	100,283
2.	Greater Bendigo (C)	106,971
3.	Greater Geelong (C)	224,926
4.	Greater Shepparton (C)	63,269
5.	Latrobe (C)	73,653
6.	Mildura (RC)	53,036
7.	Warrnambool (C)	33,501
8.	Wodonga (RC)	38,131
9.	Horsham (RC)	19,691
10.	Wangaratta (RC)	27,117
	Large Shire	Population
1.	Bass Coast (S)	31,623
2.	Baw Baw (S)	45,945
3.	Campaspe (S)	36,881

4.	Colac-Otway (S)	20,501
5.	Corangamite (S)	15,996
6.	East Gippsland (S)	43,772
7.	Glenelg (S)	19,357
8.	Golden Plains (S)	20,544
9.	Macedon Ranges (S)	44,715
10.	Mitchell (S)	38,515
11.	Moira (S)	28,833
12.	Moorabool (S)	30,926
13.	Mount Alexander (S)	18,102
14.	Moyne (S)	16,344
15.	South Gippsland (S)	27,937
16.	Southern Grampians (S)	15,919
17.	Surf Coast (S)	28,481
18.	Swan Hill (RC)	20,580
19.	Wellington (S)	42,220
	<b>Small Shire</b>	<b>Population</b>
1.	Alpine (S)	12,028
2.	Ararat (RC)	11,184
3.	Benalla (RC)	13,597
4.	Buloke (S)	6,086
5.	Central Goldfields (S)	12,606
6.	Gannawarra (S)	10,145
7.	Hepburn (S)	14,888
8.	Hindmarsh (S)	5,644
9.	Indigo (S)	15,409
10.	Loddon (S)	7,365
11.	Mansfield (S)	8,217
12.	Murrindindi (S)	13,595
13.	Northern Grampians (S)	11,719
14.	Pyrenees (S)	6,979
15.	Queenscliffe (B)	3,027
16.	Strathbogie (S)	9,810
17.	Towong (S)	5,797
18.	West Wimmera (S)	3,982
19.	Yarriambiack (S)	6,892

**Legend:** Borough Council (B), City Council (C), Rural City Council (RC), Shire Council (S)