CONTAINING GROWTH
The Strategic Direction provides an urban settlement strategy that contains growth within approximately 15 kilometres of the city centre over the next 30 years (reflecting the need to contain sprawl).

RESIDENTIAL INTENSIFICATION
Residential intensification will be within a 7.5 kilometre radius of the city centre over the next 15 years and will accommodate the predicted demand for a wider range of housing in locations close to employment and services.

LOCATING NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS
The Molonglo Valley and the Kowen Plateau are identified as future greenfields residential development areas to meet the predicted demand for housing for low and medium density housing in addition to completion of Gungahlin.

The Molonglo Valley will provide high levels of accessibility into Civic, Belconnen, Woden and Tuggeranong, allowing residents ease of access to different places of employment, services and education institutions.

Development on the Kowen Plateau will also result in short journeys to central and eastern places of employment and education, including Queanbeyan.

LOCATING EMPLOYMENT
Three key employment corridors will concentrate development on major transport routes. Civic and the town centres will be the primary focus for future employment growth within these corridors. Activity nodes within the corridors will also accommodate employment growth, but to a lesser extent than Civic and the town centres.

PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY
The protection of wildlife corridors through the whole of the ACT and containment of growth within a 15 kilometre radius minimises the impact of urban growth on areas of high conservation value.

GOOD TRAVEL CONNECTIONS
The location of future residential development, including new greenfields areas, redevelopment and urban renewal will minimise trip length and journey times.