



# FOREWORD

The Growth Areas Authority (GAA) in partnership with Councils, land owners, developers, service and utility providers, and key stakeholders are responsible for creating new communities in Melbourne's growth areas. Our objectives are to create new suburbs that are not only affordable but are great places to live and the first choice of Victorians.

A key objective of the GAA and growth area Councils is to streamline the planning process for creating new communities to increase certainty, reduce costs and reduce regulatory burden to all stakeholders in the land development process.

Subdivision, engineering and construction approvals are vital parts of the overall development process. Local government, developers, contractors and consultants have identified a shared belief that time and cost savings and increased certainty for all stakeholders can be achieved in these parts of the planning process through agreed common processes for approvals and shared engineering infrastructure standards and specifications across Melbourne's growth areas.

This Engineering Design and Construction Manual outlines a series of shared engineering standards and specifications, prepared by the GAA, the municipalities of Casey, Cardinia, Hume, Melton, Whittlesea and Wyndham and the Office of Local Government following consultation with key stakeholders.