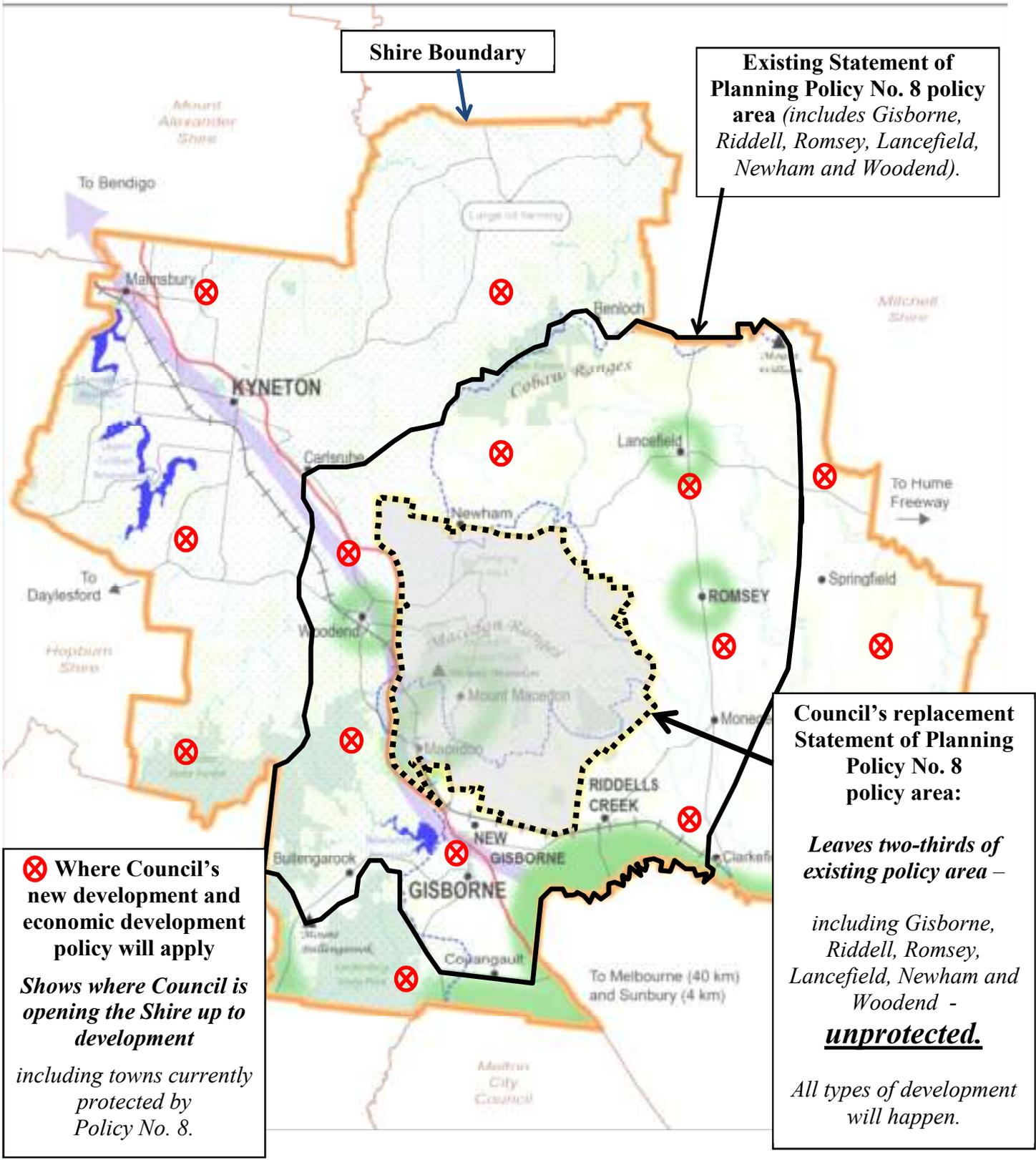


Council's Localised Planning Statement: *Less not More* protection



PROTECTION

State Policy Protection: *Macedon Ranges Shire must have government legislated protection, similar to other environmentally significant places, that inhibits destructive development and suburbanisation. Policy in Macedon Ranges since its introduction in 1975 by the Victorian Government, Statement of Planning Policy No. 8 provides the necessary and balanced protection, and should be mandated into current State law.*

Do you know?

- Macedon Ranges did have State level planning policy protection. Now it doesn't.
- In 1975, the environmentally sensitive areas of Dandenong Ranges, Mornington Peninsula and Macedon Ranges were all protected by State policy. *In Macedon Ranges, that State policy was Statement of Planning Policy No. 8.*
- Of these 3 areas – Dandenong Ranges, Mornington Peninsula and Macedon Ranges - protected with State policy in 1975, today only Macedon Ranges does not have State policy protection. *Statement of Planning Policy No. 8 is now - lesser - local policy.*
- “Protection” means having State policy that says development must not damage environment, water catchments, landscapes and rural character, and protecting these values comes first in decision-making. *Statement of Planning Policy No. 8 says this.*
- In 2010 the State government promised State policy protection in the form of a Localised Planning Statement, retaining Statement of Planning Policy No. 8 as State policy. That promise hasn't been delivered in this 2010 – 2014 term.
- Without State policy protection, *Macedon Ranges Council decides what happens here.*
- Council has been allowed to produce a Localised Planning Statement using its own policy that provides less, not more, protection. *This policy substantially weakens existing levels of protection (and Statement of Planning Policy No. 8). This policy removes restrictions on suburbanisation, and promotes the type of development that damages values that have been protected for 40 years. Council has endorsed – and wants - this policy to be State policy for Macedon Ranges. That's no protection at all!*
- Only a State government can provide the legislation and State level policy protection Macedon Ranges needs.

This is why MRRA has produced stickers calling for Macedon Ranges to be protected.

Until permanent State policy protection is in place our community must say it loud, and put the message everywhere:

“Protect Macedon Ranges”

KEEP MACEDON RANGES RURAL!