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HUON VALLEY LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



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The Huon Valley Land Use and Development Strategy (the Strategy) was adopted by the Huon Valley Council on the 2 October 2007 as the basis for the preparation of a single integrated planning scheme for the whole municipal area.

On the 8 November 2007 GHD Pty Ltd and Huon Valley Council also received an Award for Excellence in the Rural & Regional Planning Category from the Planning Institute of Australia Tasmania Division. The Strategy also received the Jury Chairperson's Award for the overall winner of the 2007 PIA Awards for Excellence

The citations for these awards are:

Rural & Regional Planning Category

The project synthesised old and new research, spanning more than a decade, to create an integrated policy framework and development strategy for the whole municipality. Innovative features include the use of Google Earth mapping and a guide to the assessment of the potential for 'fettering' of agricultural land by residential development. The strategy provides a sound basis for the preparation of a new planning scheme, implementation of State Policies, local settlement policies, extension of urban infrastructure and responses to climate change.

Jury Chairperson's Award

The Land Use and Development Strategy sets a new benchmark, demonstrating that it is necessary for a Council to formulate planning policies, prepare statutory plans and support sustainable development. It provides a clear, well documented exemplar of best practice for other planning authorities in Tasmania.

The Strategy is the result of collaboration between GHD Pty Ltd (GHD) and the Huon Valley Council, its elected members and officers. GHD would specifically like to acknowledge the efforts of Tony Ferrier in providing a wealth of information and background documentation. We also acknowledge the efforts of Bob Karaszewych and Leigh Stevens in providing valuable feedback and direction when required, as well as, Holly Hansen and Aletta McDonald.

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To provide policy direction for future land use and development of the Huon Valley that ensures sustainable economic development in the long term and the protection of the Huon Valley's values at the same time as providing for the needs of the community today.