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Project Ireland 2040 & National Planning Framework

Project Ireland 2040 is the overarching policy and planning framework for the social, economic and cultural development of Ireland. It includes a detailed capital investment plan for the period 2018 to 2027, the National Development Plan 2018-2027, and the 20-year National Planning Framework 2040.

The National Planning Framework (NPF) sets out an ambitious high-level national vision for Ireland for 2040, and provides the planning framework and principles to manage future population and economic growth over the next 20 years.

The National Development Plan (NDP) sets out the investment priorities that will underpin the successful implementation of the NPF.

Ireland and Australia's economy and population have been growing at similar rates in recent generations, albeit at relatively different scales.

Project Ireland 2040, through the shared vision of the NPF in tandem with the NDP, is the first real joined-up long-term planning and investment strategy to transform Ireland. This shared vision/joined up approach between planning and investment is unique in a wider international context and will ensure that the right development is happening at the right time and in the right place, supported by focused and tailored investment to achieve this.

The National Planning Framework provides the spatial policy to divert from the 'business as usual' approach, a perpetuation of which would have negative consequences for our environment, sustainability goals, economic competitiveness and quality of life.

Project Ireland 2040, through the shared vision of the NPF in tandem with the National Development Plan, is an evidence-based, coordinated strategy that sets out the kind of country and society we want, and how to get there.