

Are pulp mill located near population centers in Australia with no adverse impacts?

Let's check out Maryvale Victoria, the home of a Kraft bleaching pulp mill



Latrobe City

The Latrobe City is one of Australia's major provincial centres. Major industries in the area include the Australian Paper Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Mill at Maryvale, Monash University and the Central Gippsland Institute TAFE, the Australian Securities Commission's National Information Processing Centre; and Victoria's four major power generators. Electricity generated from brown coal mined in the area represents 85% of all electricity generated in the State of Victoria.

Latrobe City is home to regional headquarters for significant government and private organisations, education centres, such as Monash University Gippsland, Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE, and Gippsland Group Training.

The dairy and beef cattle industries to this day contribute significantly to Victoria's agricultural standing.

With a population of over 72,000, the beautiful and highly productive Latrobe Valley is located at the gateway to Gippsland in the South East corner of the state of Victoria 70 minutes from the outskirts of Melbourne.

The City has become the hospitality and sporting centre of Gippsland, with outstanding sporting facilities for tennis, athletics, swimming, and team sports, leisure centres and outstanding regional tourism attractions

Latrobe City boasts all the recreational and cultural facilities of a large diverse regional centre including the Latrobe Regional Gallery and Latrobe Performing Arts Centre with the added benefit of being nestled amongst some of the best tourist attractions in the state, such as the Morwell National Park, Hazelwood Pondage, Lake Narracan, Powerworks Museum, Victory Park and Moe Botanical gardens.

The Latrobe region is a resource rich area, with abundant forest and brown coal resources, water resources, and rich agricultural land. The area was initially developed in the 1880's as an agricultural and forestry area and was noted for its cattle runs.

Latrobe City is made up of four major urban centres: Churchill, Moe/Newborough, Morwell and Traralgon, with smaller townships of Boolarra, Glengarry, Toongabbie, Tyers, Traralgon South, Yallourn North, and Yinnar.

Traralgon

8km East of Maryvale pulp mill

Traralgon is a bustling commercial centre, surrounded on all sides by some of Victoria's most scenic untouched countryside. The town offers fine outdoor dining and excellent shopping during the day, and great entertainment in the local pubs and clubs by night

Population

27,225 (*ABS Census 2006*).

Moe-Yallourn

12 km to the west of Maryvale pulp mill

Moe is a gateway to Gippsland's snowfields at Mt Baw Baw, and is one of the region's major service centres. Once a key stopping point for miners on their way to the goldfields at Walhalla, Moe is surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes, and historically significant landmarks

Population

17,982 (*ABS Census 2006*).

Morwell

5 km south of the Maryvale pulp mill

Morwell has been critical to Victoria's energy industry for decades. A rich source of brown coal, and the site of one of the state's biggest power stations, Morwell also plays an important role as a service centre for surrounding farming communities

Population

21,561 (*ABS Census 2006*).



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