Map 6
Parkville National Employment and Innovation Cluster

Strengths
The cluster has education, research, health, professional and technical industries as well as significant parkland.

Jobs
The cluster is an established, internationally renowned research centre on the doorstep of the CBD. It is centrally located, has access to a wide catchment of workers across metropolitan Melbourne and employs 40,100 people.¹⁰

Key attributes
The cluster has a critical mass of leading institutions and organisations, including Australia’s highest ranking university (the University of Melbourne), Victoria’s second-largest university (RMIT University), Monash University’s Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, global biotherapy industry leader CSL Limited, the Royal Melbourne Hospital, the Royal Children’s Hospital, the Royal Women’s Hospital, the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, the Australian Medical Association and the Bio21 Institute.

Many of Parkville’s institutions and organisations are expanding, or plan to expand. Melbourne University and RMIT are also expanding their facilities to incorporate greater collaboration and joint projects with industry. This will drive innovation, research and business development.

The cluster has a high level of public transport access, with tram routes via Swanston and Elizabeth streets. Accessibility will be improved with the establishment of a new, state-of-the-art train station as part of the Metro Tunnel. The frequency and capacity of this service will make it possible for more people to access Parkville.

Key partners for the future of this cluster include the City of Melbourne, the University of Melbourne, RMIT, the CSIRO (Commonwealth Government), the Royal Melbourne Hospital, the Royal Women’s Hospital and the Royal Children’s Hospital.