

12.05-2S Landscapes

31/07/2018
VC148

Objective

To protect and enhance significant landscapes and open spaces that contribute to character, identity and sustainable environments.

Strategies

Ensure significant landscape areas such as forests, the bays and coastlines are protected.

Ensure development does not detract from the natural qualities of significant landscape areas.

Improve the landscape qualities, open space linkages and environmental performance in significant landscapes and open spaces, including green wedges, conservation areas and non-urban areas.

Recognise the natural landscape for its aesthetic value and as a fully functioning system.

Ensure important natural features are protected and enhanced.

12.05-2L Rural landscapes

02/12/2022
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Strategies

Design and site development sensitively having regard to the natural physical features of the land including slope, existing vegetation and view lines.

Discourage non-farm related commercial buildings that adversely impact on valued rural landscapes.

13.07-1S Land use compatibility

03/03/2023
VC215

Objective

To protect community amenity, human health and safety while facilitating appropriate commercial, industrial, infrastructure or other uses with potential adverse off-site impacts.

Strategies

- Ensure that use or development of land is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses
- Avoid locating incompatible uses in areas that may be impacted by adverse off-site impacts from commercial, industrial and other uses.
- Avoid or otherwise minimise adverse off-site impacts from commercial, industrial and other uses through land use separation, siting, building design and operational measures.
- Protect commercial, industrial and other employment generating uses from encroachment by use or development that would compromise the ability of those uses to function safely and effectively.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Recommended separation distances for industrial residual air emissions* (Publication 1518, Environment Protection Authority, March 2013).

14.01-1S Protection of agricultural land

20/03/2023
VC229

Objective

To protect the state's agricultural base by preserving productive farmland.

Strategies

Identify areas of productive agricultural land, including land for primary production and intensive agriculture.

Consider state, regional and local, issues and characteristics when assessing agricultural quality and productivity.

Avoid permanent removal of productive agricultural land from the state's agricultural base without consideration of the economic importance of the land for the agricultural production and processing sectors.

Protect productive farmland that is of strategic significance in the local or regional context.

Protect productive agricultural land from unplanned loss due to permanent changes in land use.

Prevent inappropriately dispersed urban activities in rural areas.

Protect strategically important agricultural and primary production land from incompatible uses.

Limit new housing development in rural areas by:

- Directing housing growth into existing settlements.
- Discouraging development of isolated small lots in the rural zones from use for dwellings or other incompatible uses.
- Encouraging consolidation of existing isolated small lots in rural zones.

Identify areas of productive agricultural land by consulting with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and using available information.

In considering a proposal to use, subdivide or develop agricultural land, consider the:

- Desirability and impacts of removing the land from primary production, given its agricultural productivity.
- Impacts on the continuation of primary production on adjacent land, with particular regard to land values and the viability of infrastructure for such production.
- Compatibility between the proposed or likely development and the existing use of the surrounding land.
- The potential impacts of land use and development on the spread of plant and animal pests from areas of known infestation into agricultural areas.
- Land capability.

Avoid the subdivision of productive agricultural land from diminishing the long-term productive capacity of the land.

Give priority to the re-structure of inappropriate subdivisions where they exist on productive agricultural land.

Balance the potential off-site effects of a use or development proposal (such as degradation of soil or water quality and land salinisation) against the benefits of the proposal.

19.03-4S Telecommunications

04/11/2022
VC226

Objective

To facilitate the orderly development, extension and maintenance of telecommunications infrastructure.

Strategies

Facilitate the upgrading and maintenance of telecommunications facilities.

Ensure that modern telecommunications facilities are widely accessible and that the telecommunications needs of business, domestic, entertainment and community services are met.

Encourage the continued deployment of telecommunications facilities that are easily accessible by:

- Increasing and improving access for all sectors of the community to the telecommunications network.
- Supporting access to transport and other public corridors for the deployment of telecommunications networks in order to encourage infrastructure investment and reduce investor risk.

Ensure a balance between the provision of telecommunications facilities and the need to protect the environment from adverse impacts arising from telecommunications infrastructure.

Co-locate telecommunications facilities wherever practical.

Planning should have regard to national implications of a telecommunications network and the need for consistency in infrastructure design and placement.

19.03-4L Telecommunications

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Strategies

Site and design telecommunications facilities to minimise:

- The impact on the landscape due to height and appearance.
- Disturbance to vegetation and natural features.
- Fire risk to telecommunications facilities.
- The number of telecommunication facilities by co-locating facilities or upgrading existing facilities.

Locate telecommunications facilities to support improved coverage in areas that are subject to bushfire risk.

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31/07/2018
VC148

GREEN WEDGE ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **GWZ** with a number (if shown).

Purpose

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To provide for the use of land for agriculture.

To recognise, protect and conserve green wedge land for its agricultural, environmental, historic, landscape, recreational and tourism opportunities, and mineral and stone resources.

To encourage use and development that is consistent with sustainable land management practices.

To encourage sustainable farming activities and provide opportunity for a variety of productive agricultural uses.

To protect, conserve and enhance the cultural heritage significance and the character of open rural and scenic non-urban landscapes.

To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area.

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14/11/2022
VC227

Table of uses Section 1 - Permit not required

Use	Condition
Agriculture (other than Animal production, Apiculture, Domestic animal husbandry, Racing dog husbandry, Rice growing and Timber production)	
Automated collection point	<p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.13-3 and 52.13-5.</p> <p>The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 50 square metres.</p>
Bed and breakfast	<p>No more than 10 persons may be accommodated away from their normal place of residence.</p> <p>At least 1 car parking space must be provided for each 2 persons able to be accommodated away from their normal place of residence.</p> <p>Must be located more than 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i>.</p>
Domestic animal husbandry (other than Domestic animal boarding)	Must be no more than 5 animals.
Grazing animal production	
Home based business	
Informal outdoor recreation	

Use	Condition
Poultry farm	<p>Must be no more than 100 poultry (not including emus or ostriches).</p> <p>Must be no more than 10 emus and ostriches.</p>
Primary produce sales	<p>Must not be within 100 metres of a dwelling in separate ownership.</p> <p>The area used for the display and sale of primary produce must not exceed 50 square metres.</p>
Racing dog husbandry	<p>Must be no more than 5 animals.</p>
Railway	
Rural store	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture.</p> <p>Must be in a building, not a dwelling and have a gross floor area of less than 100 square metres.</p> <p>Must be the only Rural store on the lot.</p>
Tramway	
Any use listed in Clause 62.01	<p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 62.01.</p>
Section 2 - Permit required	
Use	Condition
Animal production (other than Cattle feedlot, Grazing animal production and Poultry farm)	
Broiler farm - if the Section 1 condition to Poultry farm is not met	<p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.09.</p>
Camping and caravan park	
Car park	<p>Must be used in conjunction with another use in Section 1 or 2.</p>
Cattle feedlot	<p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.08.</p> <p>The site must be located outside a catchment area listed in Appendix 2 of the Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots – August 1995.</p>

Use	Condition
Dependent person's unit	<p>Must be the only dependent person's unit on the lot.</p> <p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.04-2.</p>
Domestic animal boarding	
Dwelling (other than Bed and breakfast)	<p>Must be the only dwelling on the lot. This does not apply to the replacement of an existing dwelling if the existing dwelling is removed or altered (so it can no longer be used as a dwelling) within one month of the occupation of the replacement dwelling.</p> <p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.04-2.</p>
Exhibition centre	
Freezing and cool storage	<p>The goods stored must be agricultural produce, or products used in agriculture.</p>
Function centre	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture, Natural systems, Outdoor recreation facility, Rural industry or Winery.</p> <p>The number of patrons present at any time must not exceed the number specified in a schedule to the zone or 150 patrons, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>The lot on which the use is conducted must be at least the minimum subdivision area specified in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 40 hectares.</p>
Group accommodation	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture, Natural systems, Outdoor recreation facility, Rural industry, or Winery.</p> <p>The number of dwellings must not exceed the number specified in a schedule to the zone or 40 dwellings, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>The lot on which the use is conducted must be at least the minimum subdivision area specified in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 40 hectares.</p>
Hall Host farm	
Indoor recreation facility	<p>Must be for equestrian based leisure, recreation or sport.</p>

Use	Condition
Leisure and recreation (other than Indoor recreation facility, Informal outdoor recreation, Major sports and recreation facility and Motor racing track)	
Major sports and recreation facility	Must be for outdoor leisure, recreation or sport.
Manufacturing sales	Must be an incidental part of Rural industry.
Market	
Materials recycling	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Refuse disposal or Transfer station.</p> <p>Must not include the collecting, dismantling, storing, recycling or selling of used or scrap construction and demolition materials.</p>
Milk depot	
Place of assembly (other than Carnival, Cinema based entertainment facility, Circus, Exhibition centre, Function centre, Hall, Nightclub and Place of worship)	Must not be used for more than 10 days in a calendar year.
Place of worship Plant nursery Primary school	
Racing dog husbandry – if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.12.
Refuse disposal	
Research and development centre Research centre	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture, Natural systems, Outdoor recreation facility, Rural industry or Winery.</p> <p>The lot on which the use is conducted must be at least the minimum subdivision area specified in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 40 hectares.</p>
Residential building (other than Residential hotel)	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture, Natural systems, Outdoor recreation facility, Rural industry or Winery.</p> <p>Must be used to provide accommodation for persons</p>

Use	Condition
	<p>away from their normal place of residence.</p> <p>The lot on which the use is conducted must be at least the minimum subdivision area specified in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 40 hectares.</p>
<p>Residential hotel</p>	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture, Natural systems, Outdoor recreation facility, Rural industry or Winery.</p> <p>The number of bedrooms must not exceed the number specified in a schedule to the zone or 80 bedrooms, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>The lot on which the use is conducted must be at least the minimum subdivision area specified in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 40 hectares.</p>
<p>Restaurant</p>	<p>Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture, Natural systems, Outdoor recreation facility, Rural industry or Winery.</p> <p>The number of patrons present must not exceed the number specified in a schedule to the zone or 150 patrons, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>If used in conjunction with Function centre, the total number of patrons present at any time must not exceed the number specified in a schedule to the zone or 150 patrons, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>The lot on which the use is conducted must be at least the minimum subdivision area specified in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 40 hectares.</p>
<p>Restricted place of assembly</p>	<p>Must not be used for more than 30 days in a calendar year.</p>
<p>Rice growing Rural industry Secondary school Solid fuel depot</p>	
<p>Timber production</p>	<p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.11.</p>
<p>Transfer station (other than Automated collection point)</p>	<p>Must not include the collecting, storing or processing of used or scrap construction and demolition materials.</p>
<p>Utility installation (other than Minor utility</p>	

Use	Condition
<p>installation and Telecommunications facility)</p> <p>Vehicle store</p> <p>Any other use not in Section 1 or 3</p>	

Section 3 - Prohibited

Use
<p>Accommodation (other than Camping and caravan park, Dependent person's unit, Dwelling, Group accommodation, Host farm and Residential building)</p> <p>Brothel</p> <p>Cinema based entertainment facility</p> <p>Display home centre</p> <p>Education centre (other than Primary school and Secondary school)</p> <p>Freeway service centre</p> <p>Funeral parlour</p> <p>Hospital</p> <p>Industry (other than Materials recycling, Refuse disposal, Transfer station, Research and development centre and Rural industry)</p> <p>Motor racing track</p> <p>Office</p> <p>Nightclub</p> <p>Retail premises (other than Manufacturing sales, Market, Plant nursery, Primary produce sales and Restaurant)</p> <p>Service station</p> <p>Warehouse (other than Freezing and cool storage, Milk depot, Rural store, Solid fuel depot and Vehicle store)</p>

35.04-2 Use of land for a dwelling

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VC203

A lot used for a dwelling must meet the following requirements:

- Access to the dwelling must be provided via an all-weather road with dimensions adequate to accommodate emergency vehicles.
- The dwelling must be connected to reticulated sewerage, if available. If reticulated sewerage is not available, all wastewater from the dwelling must be treated and retained within the lot in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Regulations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* for an on-site wastewater management system.
- The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated potable water supply or have an alternative potable water supply with adequate storage for domestic use as well as for fire fighting purposes.
- The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated electricity supply or have an alternative energy source.

These requirements also apply to a dependent person's unit.

35.04-3 Subdivision31/07/2018
VC148

A permit is required to subdivide land.

Each lot must be at least the area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, each lot must be at least 40 hectares.

A permit may be granted to create smaller lots if any of the following apply:

- The subdivision is the re-subdivision of existing lots, the number of lots is not increased, and the number of dwellings that the land could be used for does not increase.
- The subdivision is by a public authority or utility service provider to create a lot for a utility installation.

VicSmart applications

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Subdivide land to realign the common boundary between 2 lots where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each new lot is at least the area specified for the land in the zone or the schedule to the zone. ▪ The area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 percent. ▪ The general direction of the common boundary does not change. 	Clause 59.01
Subdivide land into 2 lots where each new lot is at least the area specified for the land in the zone or the schedule to the zone.	Clause 59.12

35.04-4 Long term lease or licence for accommodation05/09/2013
VC103

A permit is required to lease or license a portion of a lot for a period of more than 10 years if the portion is to be leased or licensed for the purpose of Accommodation.

Each portion of a lot leased or licensed for the purpose of Accommodation must be at least the minimum subdivision area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, each portion of a lot leased or licensed for the purpose of Accommodation must be at least 40 hectares.

35.04-5 Buildings and works22/03/2022
VC219

A permit is required to construct or carry out any of the following:

- A building or works associated with a use in Section 2 of Clause 35.04-1. This does not apply to:
 - An alteration or extension to an existing dwelling with a floor area of no more than the area specified in a schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 50 square metres.
 - An alteration or extension to an existing building used for agriculture with a floor area of no more than the area specified in a schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 100 square metres. The building must not be used to keep, board, breed or train animals.
 - A rainwater tank.
- Earthworks specified in a schedule to this zone, if on land specified in a schedule.

- A building which is within any of the following setbacks:
 - 100 metres from a Transport Zone 2 or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay if the Head, Transport for Victoria is the acquiring authority and the purpose of the acquisition is for a road.
 - 40 metres from a Transport Zone 3 or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay for a road if the Head, Transport for Victoria is not the acquiring authority.
 - 20 metres from any other road.
 - 5 metres from any other boundary.
 - 100 metres from a dwelling not in the same ownership.
 - 100 metres from a waterway, wetlands or designated flood plain.
- Permanent or fixed feeding infrastructure for season or supplementary feeding for grazing animal production constructed within 100 metres of:
 - A waterway, wetland or designated flood plain.
 - A dwelling not in the same ownership.
 - A residential or urban growth zone.
- A building or works associated with accommodation located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .

VicSmart applications

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Construct a building or construct or carry out works with an estimated cost of up to \$250,000 where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The land is not used for Domestic animal husbandry, Intensive animal production, Pig farm, Poultry farm, Poultry hatchery, Racing dog husbandry or Rural industry. ▪ The land is not within 30 metres of land (not a road) which is in a residential zone. ▪ The building or works are not associated with accommodation located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> . Any works must not be earthworks specified in the schedule to the zone.	Clause 59.13

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22/03/2022
VC219

Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application to use or subdivide land, lease or license a portion of a lot for a period of more than 10 years if the portion is to be leased or licensed for the purpose of Accommodation, construct a building or construct or carry out works, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

General issues

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- Any Regional Catchment Strategy and associated plan applying to the land.
- The capability of the land to accommodate the proposed use or development.
- How the use or development relates to rural land use, rural diversification, natural resource management, natural or cultural heritage management, recreation or tourism.
- Whether the site is suitable for the use or development and the compatibility of the proposal with adjoining land uses.
- Whether the use or development is essential to the health, safety or well-being of the State or area but is not appropriate to locate in an urban area because of the effect it may have on existing or proposed urban areas or the effect that existing or proposed urban areas may have on the proposed use or development.
- The need to minimise adverse impacts on the character and appearance of the area or features of architectural, scientific or cultural heritage significance, or of natural scenic beauty.
- The potential for accommodation to be adversely affected by vehicular traffic, noise, blasting, dust and vibration from an existing or proposed extractive industry operation if it is located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.

Rural issues

- The maintenance of agricultural production and the impact on the rural economy.
- The environmental capacity of the site to sustain the rural enterprise.
- The need to prepare an integrated land management plan.
- The impact on the existing and proposed rural infrastructure.
- The potential for the future expansion of the use or development and the impact of this on adjoining and nearby agriculture and other land uses.
- The protection and retention of land for future sustainable agricultural activities.

Environmental issues

- The impact of the use or development on the flora and fauna on the site and its surrounds.
- The need to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area, including the retention of vegetation and faunal habitat and the need to revegetate land including riparian buffers along waterways, gullies, ridgelines, property boundaries and saline discharge and recharge area.
- How the use or development relates to sustainable land management and the need to prepare an integrated land management plan.
- The location of on site effluent disposal areas to minimise impact of nutrient loads on waterways and native vegetation.

Design and siting issues

- The need to minimise any adverse impacts of siting, design, height, bulk, and colours and materials to be used, on landscape features, major roads and vistas.
- The location and design of existing and proposed infrastructure services which minimises the visual impact on the landscape.
- The need to minimise adverse impacts on the character and appearance of the area or features of archaeological, historic or scientific significance or of natural scenic beauty or importance.
- The need to locate and design buildings used for accommodation to avoid or reduce the impact from vehicular traffic, noise, blasting, dust and vibration from an existing or proposed extractive industry operation if it is located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted

under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .

Primary school or secondary school issues

- Access being provided via an all-weather road with dimensions adequate to accommodate emergency vehicles and not rely on local residential streets for access.
- Access by public transport, or if public transport is not available or adequate, transport may be provided by the school. Where transport is provided by the school the parking of buses should be accommodated on site.
- Connection to reticulated sewerage if available or if not available, the wastewater must be treated and retained on-site in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Regulations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* for an on-site wastewater management system.
- In the absence of reticulated sewerage, a Land Capability Assessment on the risks to human health and the environment of an on-site wastewater management system constructed, installed or altered on the lot in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Regulations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* .
- Connection to a reticulated potable water supply or an alternative potable water supply with adequate storage for school use as well as for fire fighting purposes.
- Connection to a reticulated electricity supply or an alternative energy source.

35.04-7 Signs

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Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 3.

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C180yran**SCHEDULE 4 TO CLAUSE 35.04 GREEN WEDGE ZONE**Shown on the planning scheme map as **GWZ4** .**1.0**
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C189yran**Subdivision and other requirements**

	Land	Area/Dimensions/Number
Minimum subdivision area (hectares)	All land	Except as provided for in the schedule to Clause 51.03, a minimum lot size of 18 hectares with an average lot yield not exceeding 1 lot to each 25 hectares of site area and a maximum lot size of 44 hectares
Function centre (number of patrons)	None specified	None specified
Group accommodation (number of dwellings)	None specified	None specified
Residential hotel (number of bedrooms)	None specified	None specified
Restaurant (number of patrons)	None specified	None specified
Minimum area for which no permit is required to alter or extend an existing dwelling (square metres)	None specified	None specified
Minimum area for which no permit is required to alter or extend an existing building used for agriculture (square metres)	None specified	None specified

Permit requirement for earthworks	Land
Earthworks which change the rate of flow or the discharge point of water across a property boundary.	All land if the earthworks exceed 1 metre in height or depth
Earthworks which increase the discharge of saline groundwater.	All land if the earthworks exceed 1 metre in height or depth

42.03
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VC148

SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO** with a number.

Purpose

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To identify significant landscapes.

To conserve and enhance the character of significant landscapes.

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Landscape character and objectives

A schedule to this overlay must contain:

- A statement of the nature and key elements of the landscape.
- The landscape character objectives to be achieved.

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28/10/2022
VC224

Permit requirement

A permit is required to:

- Construct a building or construct or carry out works. This does not apply:
 - If a schedule to this overlay specifically states that a permit is not required.
 - To the conduct of agricultural activities including ploughing and fencing (but not the construction of dams) unless a specific requirement for that activity is specified in a schedule to this overlay.
- Construct a fence if specified in the schedule to this overlay.
- Remove, destroy or lop any vegetation specified in a schedule to this overlay. This does not apply:
 - If the table to Clause 42.03-3 specifically states that a permit is not required.
 - To the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation in accordance with a native vegetation precinct plan specified in the schedule to Clause 52.16.

VicSmart applications

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Construct a fence.	Clause 59.05
Remove, destroy or lop one tree provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A permit has not been granted for a VicSmart application to remove, destroy or lop a tree on the same land within the last 12 months. ▪ There is no other current VicSmart application to remove, destroy or lop a tree on the same land. 	Clause 59.06
Construct a building or construct or carry out works for:	Clause 59.05

Class of application

Information requirements and decision guidelines

- A carport, garage, pergola, verandah, deck, shed or similar structure.
- A rainwater tank.

The buildings and works must be associated with a dwelling.

42.03-3
17/02/2022
VC200

Table of exemptions

The requirement to obtain a permit does not apply to:

Emergency works	<p>Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ in an emergency by, or on behalf of, a public authority or municipal council to create an emergency access or to enable emergency works; or ▪ where it presents an immediate risk of personal injury or damage to property. Only that part of the vegetation that presents the immediate risk may be removed, destroyed or lopped under this exemption.
Extractive industry	<p>Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to enable the carrying out of extractive industry in accordance with a work plan approved under the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> and authorised by a work authority granted under that Act.</p>
Fire protection	<p>Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to enable the carrying out of any of the following fire protection activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ fire fighting; ▪ planned burning; ▪ making or maintaining of a fuelbreak or fire fighting access track (or any combination thereof) that does not exceed a combined width of 6 metres; ▪ making of strategic fuelbreak up to 40 metres wide by, or on behalf of, a public authority in accordance with a strategic fuelbreak plan approved by the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (as constituted under Part 2 of the <i>Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987</i>); ▪ is ground fuel within 30 metres of a building and is vegetation other than native vegetation; ▪ in accordance with a fire prevention notice issued under either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section 65 of the <i>Forests Act 1958</i> ; or ▪ Section 41 of the <i>Country Fire Authority Act 1958</i> . ▪ keeping vegetation clear of, or minimising the risk of bushfire ignition from, an electric line in accordance with a code of practice prepared under Part 8 of the <i>Electricity Safety Act 1998</i> ; ▪ minimising the risk to life and property from bushfire of a roadside of a public road managed by the relevant responsible road authority, and carried out by or

The requirement to obtain a permit does not apply to:

	<p>on behalf of that authority, in accordance with the written agreement of the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (as constituted under Part 2 of the <i>Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987</i>). In this exemption, roadside, public road and responsible road authority have the same meanings as in section 3 of the <i>Road Management Act 2004</i>.</p> <p><i>Note: Additional permit exemptions for bushfire protection are provided at Clause 52.12.</i></p>
Geothermal energy exploration and extraction	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary in accordance with operation plan approved under the <i>Geothermal Energy Resources Act 2005</i> .
Greenhouse gas sequestration and exploration	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary in accordance with an operation plan approved under the <i>Greenhouse Gas Geological Sequestration Act 2008</i> .
Land management or directions notice	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to comply with a land management notice or directions notice served under the <i>Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994</i> .
Land use conditions	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to comply with a land use condition served under the <i>Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994</i> .
Mineral exploration and extraction	<p>Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary by the holder of an exploration, mining, prospecting, or retention licence issued under the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ that is low impact exploration within the meaning of Schedule 4A of the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> ; or ▪ in accordance with a work plan approved under Part 3 of the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i>. <p><i>Note: Schedule 4A of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 specifies limits on the extent of native vegetation that may be removed as part of low impact exploration.</i></p>
Noxious weeds	Vegetation that is a noxious weed subject of a declaration under section 58 or section 58A of the <i>Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994</i> . This exemption does not apply to Australian Dodder (<i>Cuscuta australis</i>).
Pest animal burrows	<p>Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to enable the removal of pest animal burrows.</p> <p>In the case of native vegetation the written agreement of an officer of the department responsible for administering the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> is required before the vegetation can be removed, destroyed or lopped.</p>

The requirement to obtain a permit does not apply to:

Planted vegetation	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped that was either planted or grown as a result of direct seeding for Crop raising or Grazing animal production.
Railways	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to maintain the safe and efficient function of an existing railway, or railway access road, in accordance with the written agreement of the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (as constituted under Part 2 of the <i>Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987</i>).
Regrowth	<p>Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped that has naturally established or regenerated on land lawfully cleared of naturally established vegetation, and is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bracken (<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>); or • within the boundary of a timber production plantation, as indicated on a Plantation Development Notice or other documented record, and has established after the plantation. <p>This exemption does not apply to land on which vegetation has been destroyed or otherwise damaged as a result of flood, fire or other natural disaster.</p>
Road safety	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary by and on behalf of a public authority or municipal council to maintain the safe and efficient function of an existing public road in accordance with written agreement of the Secretary of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (as constituted under Part 2 of the <i>Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987</i>).
Stone exploration	<p>Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to enable the carrying out of Stone exploration.</p> <p>The maximum extent of vegetation removed, destroyed or lopped under this exemption on contiguous land in the same ownership in a five year period must not exceed any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hectare of vegetation which does not include a tree. • 15 trees with a trunk diameter of less than 40 centimetres at a height of 1.3 metres above ground level. • 5 trees with a trunk diameter of 40 centimetres or more at a height of 1.3 metres above ground level. <p>This exemption does not apply to costeaning and bulk sampling activities.</p>
Surveying	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary by, or on behalf of, a licenced surveyor (within the meaning of section 3 of the <i>Surveying Act 2004</i>) using hand-held tools to establish a sightline for the measurement of land.
Traditional owners	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped by a person acting under, and in accordance with:

The requirement to obtain a permit does not apply to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a natural resources agreement under Part 6 of the <i>Traditional Owners Settlement Act 2010</i> ; or ▪ an authorisation order made under sections 82 or 84 of the <i>Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010</i> as those sections were in force immediately before the commencement of section 24 of the <i>Traditional owners Settlement Amendment Act</i> in 2016 (1 May 2017).
Tram stops	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary by or on behalf of the Head, Transport for Victoria to construct a tram stop, including a tram stop shelter.
Transport land	Vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary by or on behalf of the Head, Transport for Victoria on land in a Transport Zone, or in a Public Acquisition Overlay if the Head, Transport for Victoria is the acquiring authority, to construct or maintain transport system infrastructure.

42.03-4 Application requirements

31/07/2018
VC148

An application must be accompanied by any information specified in a schedule to this overlay.

42.03-5 Decision guidelines

31/07/2018
VC148

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The statement of the nature and key elements of the landscape and the landscape character objective contained in a schedule to this overlay.
- The conservation and enhancement of the landscape values of the area.
- The need to remove, destroy or lop vegetation to create a defensible space to reduce the risk of bushfire to life and property.
- The impact of the proposed buildings and works on the landscape due to height, bulk, colour, general appearance or the need to remove vegetation.
- The extent to which the buildings and works are designed to enhance or promote the landscape character objectives of the area.
- The impact of buildings and works on significant views.
- Any other matters specified in a schedule to this overlay.

01/12/2022
C148yran**SCHEDULE 2 TO CLAUSE 42.03 SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as SLO2 .

OPEN VALLEY LANDSCAPE**1.0**01/12/2022
C148yran**Statement of nature and key elements of landscape**

The Yarra River floodplain and its environs comprise a landscape of mostly open pastoral plains with distant views to the surrounding ranges. The expanses of pasture are divided by roads and shelterbelts in a very broad grid pattern. Shelter belts often contain exotic conifer species with planted native species in some areas. Some roadsides and drainage lines contain bushland remnants and more recent plantings of native species. Occasional free standing remnant trees are scattered through some areas. A depleted strip of degraded riparian vegetation lines the Yarra River while its network of billabongs has largely been denuded.

There is a low density of subdivision with lot sizes generally between 20 and 60 hectares. Farm houses are widely dispersed, mostly located well back from roads and often partially screened by planted trees. Some of the larger farms include sheds and other outbuildings that are clustered with the house. Older homesteads are mostly located on the valley floor while many newer and typically larger houses have been built on higher slopes to take advantage of views. The architectural styles of these houses are varied although there are a number of long and low ranch style dwellings. Recent developments have included some large tourist oriented developments associated with vineyards and golf courses, although these remain generally inconspicuous in the broader landscape.

The major tourist routes of the Maroondah and Melba Highways pass through this landscape. There are few readily accessible elevated viewpoints offering vistas of this landscape.

2.001/12/2022
C148yran**Landscape character objectives to be achieved**

- To maintain a broad open rural landscape in which buildings are inconspicuous elements.
- To allow middle and long distance views from the valley to the surrounding ranges.
- To ensure that the siting and design of new buildings complements their setting and reinforces the open rural landscape character of the area.
- To retain the pattern of development with occasional clusters of building and infrastructure located well away from roads.
- To retain established trees and patches of indigenous vegetation as an important element of the rural landscape.

3.009/03/2023
C215yran**Permit requirement****Fences**

A permit is required to construct a fence.

This does not apply if the fence is both:

- a rural type fence - post and large space open weave wire; and
- less than 1.8 metres high.

Vegetation

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop:

- Native vegetation that occurs naturally in the Shire of Yarra Ranges
- A substantial tree with a trunk circumference greater than 1.1 metres (0.35 metre diameter) at a height of 1.3 metres above the ground

This does not apply to any of the following:

- The pruning of any vegetation that is undertaken to assist its health or structural soundness. No more than one third of the foliage may be removed from any individual plant
- The removal of vegetation that is dead
- The pruning of branches directly overhanging a lawfully existing building so that they are not overhanging or within 4 metres of the building
- The removal of vegetation where the base of the plant to be removed is within 4 metres of a lawfully existing building (other than a fence)
- The removal of planted windrows, woodlots or landscaping consistent with the implementation of a property management plan prepared to the satisfaction of the responsible authority
- The removal of vegetation that is one of the species listed in the *Yarra Ranges Council - List of Environmental Weeds 2019*
- The removal of regrowth which has naturally established or regenerated on land lawfully cleared of naturally established native vegetation and is less than 10 years old. This exemption does not apply to land on which native vegetation has been cleared or otherwise destroyed or damaged as a result of flood, fire or other natural disaster.

Buildings and Works

A permit is not required to construct a building or carry out works except for:

- A new building or extensions to an existing building where the floor area of the construction is more than 100 square metres
- Buildings or works with a height of more than 7 metres
- Buildings or works that would be within 4 metres from the trunk of a tree that has a circumference greater than 1.1 metres (0.35 metre diameter) measured at a height of 1.3 metres above the ground.

Crop protection structures

The permit requirements of this clause do not apply to the construction of plastic covered igloos.

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Application requirements

None specified.

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Decision guidelines

The following decision guidelines apply to an application for a permit under Clause 42.03, in addition to those specified in Clause 42.03 and elsewhere in the Scheme which must be considered as appropriate by the responsible authority. The guidelines are derived from *Vision 2020 by Design – A Built Environment Framework for Yarra Ranges* (Shire of Yarra Ranges May 2008).

Building siting

- The visual impact on views from adjoining roads and other publicly accessible viewing points.
- Whether buildings and associated works are sited to avoid visually prominent sites such as exposed hilltops or ridgelines.
- How the front setbacks of buildings affect the visual impact of new development on the landscape.
- Whether farm buildings and related structures are clustered with existing buildings on the same land.

Building appearance

- Whether the profile of buildings breaks the skyline or ridgeline behind the building as seen from nearby roads or other publicly accessible viewpoints.

- Setbacks of groups of buildings from the road.
- How the height of buildings relates to the heights of any surrounding tree canopy and nearby development.
- Whether external finishes of buildings use muted tones and non reflective surfaces, and incorporate natural elements in the design.
- Whether farm buildings such as storage sheds, water tanks, wine storage tanks and related infrastructure are a visual intrusion in the rural setting and whether they are finished in muted colours, screened by planting or otherwise merged into the landscape.
- Whether the design and materials of large buildings such as storage and equipment sheds reflects the rural environment and the traditions of farm buildings.
- The extent and location of large paved surfaces, including hard stand yards for vehicles and equipment, and whether they are clustered around buildings to reduce their visual impacts.
- The building mass and form of larger buildings used for visitor accommodation or other tourist related activities and whether buildings are designed to reflect the topography of the site and minimise the extent of earthworks.

Dwellings and outbuildings

- The height of dwellings and whether it responds to the topography of the site.
- How the design of dwellings addresses factors such as views and outlook and protection from sun, rain and wind.

Vegetation

- The retention of established trees including shelterbelts and patches of indigenous vegetation.
- The extent of vegetation removal and proposed land management improvements such as replacement vegetation.
- The use of indigenous species and including canopy trees in landscaping and screening of new buildings.
- The integration of landscaping with the design of the development and whether it complements the vegetation on any adjoining public land.

Fence and boundary treatments

- The appearance of entrance gates and adjacent walls or fences and how they relate to the character of the remainder of the property boundary fence and the landscape.
- Whether front fence and boundary treatments avoid formal landscape design (such as geometrically aligned/spaced tree avenues or garden beds) and hard surfaces and hard edges in landscaping.
- Whether fences and gateways are small and constructed of light or transparent materials.

Other buildings and works

- Whether earthworks will remove the option of future use of the soil resource for productive agriculture.
- Whether the proposal includes urban style road infrastructure such as concrete kerbing, paved footpaths and roundabouts.

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VC226

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

Purpose

To ensure that telecommunications infrastructure is provided in an efficient and cost-effective manner to meet community needs.

To facilitate an effective state-wide telecommunications network consistent with proper and orderly planning.

To support the provision of telecommunications facilities with minimal impact on the amenity of the area.

52.19-1
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VC226

Permit requirement

A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works for a telecommunications facility. This does not apply to the construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works for any of the following:

- A low-impact facility specified in the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* (Cth).
- The inspection and maintenance of a facility as defined in the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth).
- A facility authorised by a facility installation permit issued under the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth).
- An activity authorised under clause 6(2) of Division 3 of Schedule 3 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth).
- An activity carried out by a body listed in sections 46 to 51 (inclusive) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth) pursuant to legislation applying to that body.
- A temporary defence facility.
- A telecommunications facility equipment shelter.
- A telecommunications line forming part of a telecommunications network connected to a building, caravan or mobile home.
- An optical fibre ground wire that replaces an electricity ground wire on a high-voltage transmission tower that supports powerlines designed to operate at 222,000 volts or greater.
- A telecommunications facility located underground if any ground disturbed in constructing or installing the facility is reinstated.
- A telecommunications dish with a diameter of 1.2 metres or less.
- A telecommunications dish with a diameter of more than 1.2 metres and less than or equal to 2.4 metres if the following requirements are met:
 - If the dish is in a Heritage Overlay, it must not be visible from a street (other than a lane) or public park.
 - If the dish is in a residential zone, it must:
 - Be set back from the side or rear boundary 1 metre, plus 0.3 metres for every metre of height over 3.6 metres up to 6.9 metres, plus 1 metre for every metre of height over 6.9 metres.
 - Be set back at least 3 metres from a boundary opposite an existing habitable room window.
 - Not be visible from the street (other than a lane) or a public park.
- A telecommunications tower that replaces an existing light pole on public land if the following requirements are met:
 - The public land manager must be a municipal council.
 - The tower must not be more than 8 metres higher than the light pole.
- A telecommunications tower that replaces an existing telecommunications tower on the same land if the following requirements are met:
 - The tower must not be in a residential zone, or a Significant Landscape Overlay, Heritage Overlay or Neighbourhood Character Overlay.
 - The tower must not be more than 8 metres higher than the existing tower.
 - The tower must not be a lattice tower.

- The tower must be located within 20 metres of the existing tower.
- The existing tower must be removed within 60 days of the new tower commencing operation.
- The extension of an existing telecommunications tower if the following requirements are met:
 - The tower must not be in a residential zone.
 - The height of the extension must not exceed 8 metres.
 - The tower must not have been previously extended without a permit.
 - The tower must have been constructed for 12 months before the extension.
- A telecommunications facility on a building if the following requirements are met:
 - If the building is in a residential zone, the height of the facility must not be more than 1 metre higher than the building height of the building.
 - If the building is in a zone other than a residential zone, the height of the facility must not be more than 8 metres higher than the building height of the building.
- A telecommunications facility that provides service coverage during routine or emergency maintenance of an existing facility, construction or installation of a new facility, or additional service coverage for an event, if the following requirements are met:
 - The height of the facility must not exceed 25 metres above its base or the height of the existing facility, whichever is the greater.
 - The facility must not be located on the land for more than a total of 4 months in any 12 month period.

52.19-2 Land in public ownership

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An application affecting land in a public land zone must be accompanied by written confirmation from the public land manager that the public land manager consents generally or conditionally:

- To the application being made; or
- To the application being made and to the proposed development.

This requirement does not apply if the applicant is the public land manager.

52.19-3 Exemptions from notice and review

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VC226

An application under any provision of this planning scheme to construct a building or construct or carry out works for a telecommunications facility is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act. This exemption does not apply to:

- An application under a Significant Landscape Overlay, a Heritage Overlay, or Neighbourhood Character Overlay.
- An application under a public land zone if the responsible authority is not the public land manager.
- An application for any of the following:
 - A telecommunications dish.
 - A telecommunications facility on a building within 100 metres of a residential zone.
 - A telecommunications facility on a building within 100 metres of a dwelling not on the same land or land in contiguous ownership.
 - A telecommunications tower in a residential zone.
 - A telecommunications tower within 100 metres of a residential zone.
 - A telecommunications tower within 100 metres of a dwelling not on the same land or land in contiguous

ownership.

An application under any provision of this planning scheme to use or develop land for a telecommunications facility is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act if the telecommunications facility is funded, or partly funded, by the Commonwealth through the Mobile Black Spot Program or the State of Victoria.

52.19-4 Application requirements

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VC226

An application must be accompanied by the following information as appropriate:

- A site analysis and design response explaining the design, siting, construction and operation of the telecommunications facility.
- Site boundaries and dimensions.
- The purpose and location of all buildings and works required in the construction of the facility.
- The location of all existing buildings and works to be retained and demolished.
- The location of all proposed buildings and works including dimensions, elevations, materials, colours and finishes.
- The location and use of all buildings on adjoining properties.
- The location of all adjoining streets and access ways.
- Australian Height Datum levels.
- Natural drainage lines, watercourses, coastal dunes, beach systems and wetlands.
- Proposals for the rehabilitation of the land on which development is to occur.
- Roads and parking areas.
- Materials, landscaping, external lighting, colour and reflectivity.

52.19-5 Decision guidelines

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VC226

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines of clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The design, siting, construction and operation of the telecommunications facility.
- The effect of the telecommunications facility on adjacent land.

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VC204

APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION OR PLAN

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The matters set out in section 60 of the Act.
- Any significant effects the environment, including the contamination of land, may have on the use or development.
- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.
- Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.
- The orderly planning of the area.
- The effect on the environment, human health and amenity of the area.
- The proximity of the land to any public land.
- Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality.
- Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.
- The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction.
- Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.
- The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.
- The adequacy of loading and unloading facilities and any associated amenity, traffic flow and road safety impacts.
- The impact the use or development will have on the current and future development and operation of the transport system.

This clause does not apply to a VicSmart application.