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VICTORIA PLANNING PROVISIONS  
Notice of Approval of Amendment  
Amendment VC49

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment VC49 to the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) and all planning schemes in Victoria.

The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Government Gazette.

The Amendment changes the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) and all planning schemes in Victoria by:

- amending Clauses 12.09 and 18.02–2 to introduce the Public Transport Guidelines for Land Use and Development (Department of Transport, 2008) as a reference document and making corresponding changes to Clause 56.06 – Access and Mobility Management;
- amending Clause 52.36 – Integrated Public Transport Planning, to refine the purpose statements and introduce new application referral triggers for the Director of Public Transport (DPT) so that only matters needing DPT consideration are referred; and deleting the information requirements for referrals in Clause 52.36–2 as these are covered elsewhere in the VPP;
- reducing the Country Fire Authority (CFA) referral obligations for subdivision applications under Clause 66.01 to require only matters that do not meet the standards of Clause 56.09–3 (for fire hydrants and fire plugs) to be referred;
- amending Clause 52.05 – Advertising Signs to include a revised purpose statement and decision guidelines and to including new application requirements;
- providing a final extension of time for existing Major promotion signs allowed under Clause 52.05–5; correcting an anomalous date reference in the Clause from ‘1993’ to ‘1995’; and introducing decision guidelines and a standard permit condition for the duration of Major promotion sign permits;
- amending Clauses 52.05–1 and 66 to modify VicRoads referral requirements for signs from Electronic billboard signs to animated and electronic signs and making corresponding changes to the Clause 73 definitions of Animated sign and Electronic billboard sign;
- amending the advertising sign requirements in Part A of the Urban Growth Zone (UGZ) from Category 4 to Category 3;
- amending Clause 43.01 – Heritage Overlay to:
  - exempt from a permit requirement: consolidation; rainwater tanks not visible from a street; speed humps, pedestrian refuges and splitter islands where the existing footpaths or kerb and channel are not altered; tree pruning; and internal alternation to a church for liturgical purposes;
  - clarify that works require a planning permit if they change the appearance of a heritage place;
  - clarify the requirements for places on the Victorian Heritage Register;
  - increase the number of matters exempt from notice and review;
  - introduce a requirement to consider any applicable statement of significance as part of the decision guidelines;

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- clarify the requirements for the use of a heritage place; and
- ensure that specific buildings and works still require a permit under the Heritage Overlay as a consequence of changes under Clause 62;
- increasing the extent of exemptions for minor buildings and works in the residential zones, such as pergolas, verandahs, decks, swimming pools and spas associated with dwellings;
- making all rainwater tanks exempt in industrial and rural zones subject to meeting siting and height requirements (Clauses 33.01, 33.02, 33.03, 35.03, 35.04, 35.05, 35.06, 35.07 and 35.08), and making rainwater tanks up to 4,500 litres generally exempt under Clause 62.02–2;
- clarifying the wording of the buildings and works provisions associated with front fences in the residential zones (Clause 32.01, 32.02, 32.04, 32.05 and 32.06);
- exempting the construction of out-buildings in rural zones (Clauses 35.03, 35.04, 35.05, 35.06, 35.07 and 35.08) and setting a minimum size for which no planning permit is needed to extend a building associated with a dwelling or agricultural use in the rural zones (other than in the green wedge zones – Clauses 35.04 and 35.05);
- exempting minor buildings and works such as art work undertaken by a public land manager, flag poles, television antenna, bicycle pathways and trails, public toilets and disabled access ramps under Clause 62.02–2;
- exempting temporary portable land sales offices located on the land available for sale in Clause 62.01;
- exempting observational water bores in Clause 62.02–1;
- introducing further exemptions for satellite dishes from requiring a permit subject to specific siting, setback and height requirements in Clause 52.04;
- clarifying the notice provisions under the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay (MAEO) in Clauses 45.08–5 and 45.08–6 to specifically refer to applications made under the MAEO;
- introducing new exemptions to the native vegetation provisions in Clauses 52.17, 42.01, 42.02, 42.03, 44.01 and 44.02;
- introducing a new planning permit requirement to remove, destroy or lop dead native vegetation in Clause 52.17 – Native Vegetation;
- introducing a separate Particular Provision for native vegetation precinct plans in Clause 52.16;
- deleting the native vegetation provisions under Clause 52.18 – Timber Production;
- making the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) a referral authority under Clause 66.03 for applications of the kind listed in Clause 37.07–5 of the UGZ with the City of Greater Geelong; and
- making minor administrative amendments to Clauses 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 35.04, 32.04, 32.05, 33.01, 33.02, 33.03, 35.05, 35.06, 45.01, 52.06 and 66.

The Amendment is available for public inspection on the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) website [www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection](http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection)

A copy of the Amendment is also available for inspection, free of charge, during office hours at all municipal offices in Victoria.

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