Who has been involved?
The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has led the assessment work which has informed the application of all planning controls between Richmond and Warrandyte.

The Department has worked closely with Banyule City Council, Boroondara City Council, Manningham City Council, Shire of Nillumbik, City of Stonnington, City of Yarra and Melbourne Water to ensure that all strategic material and the new planning controls are effective and will deliver longer term outcomes that are in the interests of the Yarra River.

If I am applying for a planning permit what do I need to know?
If you have already obtained a valid planning permit you will not be affected. If you currently have a planning application being considered, or are intending on submitting a new planning permit application, you will need to adhere to the requirements of the new controls.

The new planning permit requirements will relate to the context of your application. New and amended requirements include, but are not limited to:

• vegetation removal
• restrictions on overshadowing of the Yarra River, its banks and adjacent public open space
• height limitations for all new buildings
• setbacks for all development from the Yarra River’s edge
• fencing, swimming pools, tennis courts and other works - within close proximity to the Yarra River.

Depending on your application, council may require an urban context and design report, a landscape plan, and/or information regarding removal of vegetation. To determine what you may need please contact your local council planning department.

Next steps – Implementing permanent controls
The Victorian Government is committed to establishing a Yarra River Trust (or like entity) to improve and strengthen the management of the Yarra River Corridor. While this progresses, the Minister for Planning has requested that each council consult its local community regarding the interim controls and monitor their operation over the next 12 months to determine opportunities for further refinement and improvement. A decision will be made on the final amendment process implementing permanent controls once this has occurred.

Further information
More information about the new interim controls, background and past studies, and upcoming amendment process, please visit www.planning.vic.gov.au/yarra-river-controls

General information about Victoria’s planning system can be viewed online at www.planning.vic.gov.au. You can also email planning.info@delwp.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Government Contact Centre on 1300 366 356 (local call cost).

For information regarding your specific property and/or planning application, please contact your local council:

• Banyule City Council
  272 Upper Heidelberg Road
  Ivanhoe VIC 3079
  Tel: (03) 9490 4222

• Manningham City Council
  619 Doncaster Road
  Doncaster VIC 3108
  Tel: (03) 9840 9333

• Nillumbik Shire Council
  34 Civic Drive
  Greensborough VIC 3088
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Two new planning controls have been applied to areas within the middle Yarra River corridor within the Banyule, Manningham and Nillumbik planning schemes. Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) has been applied to the wider landscape setting of the Yarra River corridor. Within this area a continuous corridor of vegetation and canopy trees are the dominant features of views of the corridor to and from public open space and the Yarra River itself. The SLO manages the siting and design of buildings, removal of vegetation and earthworks within the broader Yarra River corridor setting.

Design and Development Overlay (DDO) has been applied to specific areas of private land immediately adjacent to the Yarra, an area which is highly visible. The DDO sets mandatory building heights, development setbacks and overshadowing rules, tailored to meet local landscape requirements to ensure future development does not encroach on the landscape and environmental values and amenity of the Yarra River.

River corridor areas
The Waterway Corridor comprises the river itself, its banks and the immediate environs.
The River Experience Corridor comprises the foreground and middle ground landscape that is experienced from the Main Yarra Trail and the river.
The Landscape Setting Corridor comprises the wider setting of the river corridor, defined by ridgelines, at the extremity of the viewshed.

The Yarra River and the landscape through which it passes has metropolitan significance as an environmental, aesthetic, cultural, recreation and tourism asset. The river corridor links parklands and reserves into a near-continuous vegetated landscape experience that provides a highly valued, secluded natural environment, enjoyed by local and metropolitan communities.