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REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978*

Title of Proposal: **Yarra Glen Truck Bypass**

Proponent: **VicRoads**

Description of Project:

The Yarra Glen Truck Bypass involves construction of a two-lane two-way road to the east of the Yarra Valley Racing Centre between the Healesville - Yarra Glen Road and the Melba Highway at Old Healesville Road. It also involves improvements to the existing Healesville - Yarra Glen Road from Bell Street, Yarra Glen to the intersection with the new road.

Decision:

The Minister for Planning has decided that an Environment Effects Statement (EES) is not required for the Yarra Glen Truck Bypass as described in the referral accepted on 16 August 2007.

Reasons for Decision:

- The new road link between the Melba Highway and the Healesville – Yarra Glen Road will traverse cleared farming property that has little native vegetation. Only small patches of roadside vegetation at the Melba Highway intersection and along the Healesville – Yarra Glen Road may be affected.
- Any effects on native vegetation would be minimal provided that removal of native vegetation complies with *Victoria's Native Vegetation – A Framework for Action*, which would be implemented through the planning permit process.
- Surveys have not identified the occurrence of cultural heritage items or places on the proposed truck bypass route.
- Other potential environmental effects are likely to be of local significance.

Date of Decision: 28 September 2007