GUIDELINES

Preparing Planning Scheme Amendment Documentation

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1 | Introduction

These guidelines provide assistance to planning authorities about:

- the format for preparing an authorisation request
- preparing and drafting amendment documentation
- submitting amendments to the Minister for exhibition, certification and approval under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act).

The Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure (the department) web page 'Changing the planning scheme' has links to documents, templates and other sites relevant to each stage of the amendment process and can be viewed at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planningamendments

2 | Types of amendments

There are four types of amendments:

- a 'V' amendment – makes changes to the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) only
- a 'VC' amendment - makes changes to the VPP and one or more planning schemes
- a 'C' amendment – makes changes to an individual planning scheme only
- a 'GC' amendment – makes changes to more than one planning scheme.

These guidelines focus on the preparation of amendment documentation for a 'C' amendment.

A 'C' amendment can change a planning scheme in a number of ways, including amending or deleting an existing local provision, inserting a new local provision, inserting or deleting a zone or overlay or amending a planning scheme map.

A 'C' amendment cannot change a State standard provision selected from the VPP. This can only be done by a 'V' or 'VC' amendment.

'V' and 'VC' amendments are prepared by the Minister for Planning.

A 'GC' amendment can be used to make changes to more than one planning scheme for a particular matter, such as a regional initiative. The numbering for these amendments can only be allocated by the department.

3 | Ministerial Direction No. 15 – The planning scheme amendment process

When preparing an amendment planning authorities must have regard to Ministerial Direction No. 15 – the planning scheme amendment process which sets times for completing steps in the planning scheme amendment process. More details about the set times are provided in the department’s Advisory note 48: Ministerial Direction No. 15 – the planning scheme amendment process (September 2012) and Practice note 77: Pre-setting panel hearing dates (October 2012).
4 | Why have a consistent format for amendment documentation?

A planning scheme is a collection of separate documents either derived from the VPP or specifically created as local provisions. The form and content of a scheme must comply with the Ministerial Direction on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes. Each clause in the Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF), and each zone, overlay and schedule is a separate document.

A consistent format for amendment documentation ensures that amendments are documented and approved in such a way that:

- the requirements of the Act are met
- the instructions about how documents are to be amended, inserted or deleted are clearly and consistently described
- the amendment can be clearly understood and quickly processed.

5 | Electronic availability of documentation

The department is committed to the electronic transfer of documents at all stages of the amendment process. Planning authorities should ensure that amendment documentation can be received electronically in a format that is suitable for publishing online and which meets State and Federal privacy, copyright and accessibility legislation. This also applies to incorporated documents, submissions, section 173 agreements and permit documentation.

The department has developed electronic format and naming conventions that planning authorities should use when submitting documents to the department.

Documentation can change during the course of the amendment process and these conventions ensure that the documents can be easily identified and are correctly used by the department.

Checklists setting out the required format and naming conventions for each stage of the amendment process are provided in Appendices 1 – 3.

6 | Authorisation documentation

A municipal council can only prepare an amendment if authorised to do so by the Minister for Planning (Minister) under section 8A of the Act. The purpose of authorisation is to identify whether a proposed amendment is consistent with State policy or interests and ensure that it makes appropriate use of the VPP.

The Minister may also authorise another Minister or public authority to prepare an amendment under section 9 of the Act.

Planning authorities are encouraged to discuss a proposed amendment with the relevant department office prior to seeking authorisation. The department can provide advice about strategic issues relevant to the amendment and which planning provisions would best achieve the intent of the amendment. Early consultation with the department will also assist planning authorities in meeting the timeframes outlined in Ministerial Direction No. 15.
What must be submitted at authorisation?

The planning authority is required to lodge their authorisation request by email to: planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au

The email must include:

- an Authorisation Application Form
- a draft Explanatory Report.

The department may require additional information to be submitted to assist with assessing the application.


For preparing authorisation documentation see Appendix 1: Checklist for submitting an application for authorisation.

More information about authorisation is provided in the department’s guide Using Victoria’s Planning System at: www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning-system-guide

7 | Amendment documentation

If a planning authority obtains the Minister’s authorisation, it may proceed to draft the amendment. The planning scheme is subordinate legislation, which affects property rights and care should be taken when drafting amendment documentation. The amendment to the scheme must be clear and accurate. Imprecise drafting of an amendment could result in the planning authority’s intentions not being achieved, cause delay and/or expense because of problems with implementation or interpretation.

The department can provide advice about the appropriate use of planning provisions and statutory drafting.

In preparing an amendment to a planning scheme, a planning authority must prepare:

- an Explanatory Report
- an Amendment Instruction Sheet
- any Amendment map sheets (if applicable)
- any new or replacement clauses and schedules (if applicable)
- any incorporated documents (if applicable)
- any supporting documentation.

When preparing the amendment you should use the standard terms in Appendix 13: Glossary.

The amendment number is allocated by the council for C amendments. A council should keep a register of all amendments so that numbers can be readily allocated.

It is recommended that the council allocate a number after authorisation has been obtained because if authorisation is not granted, the number will become obsolete.
Assembling the amendment documentation

All amendment documentation should be prepared electronically. When preparing the amendment documentation current amendment templates should be used. The templates are available on the department’s Amendment Templates webpage at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/amendmenttemplates

Explanatory Report

The Act requires an **Explanatory Report** to be prepared for every amendment. The report must explain the purpose, effect and strategic basis for the amendment and address the matters set out in Minister’s Direction No. 11 – *Strategic Assessment of Amendments*. Refer to Practice note 46: *Strategic Assessment Guidelines for planning scheme amendments*.

An **Explanatory Report template** can be found on the department’s Amendment templates webpage at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/amendmenttemplates.

The required format and document naming conventions are described in Appendices 1 – 3.

Amendment Instruction Sheet

The amendment **Instruction Sheet** is the front page of an amendment and sets out the instructions for amending the planning scheme. The Instruction Sheet and the attached maps and documents that it refers to, constitute the amendment and therefore must clearly state the instructions for executing the amendment. It is essential that these are drafted carefully and accurately.

The Instruction Sheet must:

- List all amendment planning scheme maps that are to be amended, inserted or deleted. These should be listed first, beginning with any zoning maps and then followed by the overlay maps.
- List all planning scheme clauses or schedules that are to be amended, inserted or deleted. These should be listed in ascending numerical order.

The Instruction Sheet does not include changes to the Table of Contents or the List of Amendments.

The **Instruction Sheet template** can be found on the Amendment templates webpage at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/amendmenttemplates.

The required **format and document naming conventions** are described in Appendices 1 – 3.

For an **example** of an Amendment Instruction Sheet see Appendix 4.

Amendment map sheets (if applicable)

The **amendment map sheets** form attachments to the Instruction Sheet. The map sheet shows (usually A4) the part of the overall planning scheme map being changed. If areas of a zone or an overlay are removed a deletion map needs to be prepared.

The department’s Mapping Services team provides free assistance to planning authorities in the preparation of map sheets in the appropriate electronic form. Email all mapping requests to planning.mappingservices@dtpli.vic.gov.au
The required document naming conventions are described in Appendices 1 – 3. An example of an Amendment map sheet is shown in Appendix 5: Example amendment map sheet.

Amendment clauses and schedules (if applicable)

The amendment clauses and schedules are documents that form attachments to the Instruction Sheet.

The format of all attached documents must comply with the Ministerial Direction: The Form and Content of Planning Schemes, which outlines the format for all schedules including the font, paragraph, bullets, numbering and layout.

Practice Notes, in particular numbers 4, 8, 10 and 59, also provide guidance on writing local provisions. Practice Notes can be found at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planningpracticenotes.

The required format and document naming conventions are described in Appendices 1 – 3.

Changing an existing local provision

When amending a current clause or schedule use the Local provisions in Word to obtain the current version of a local provision. The entire clause and schedule must be submitted, not just the page where the changes have occurred.

The clauses and schedules should be prepared with the proposed changes marked up, using the ‘track changes’ function in Microsoft Word.

The ‘track change’ clauses or schedules must accompany the Explanatory Report as supportive information. This will enable all text changes proposed by the amendment to be easily identified and understood.

To ensure changes are tracked in a consistent format, the following standard ‘track changes’ setting must be used:

• show insertions of text in blue and underlined ‘Example’
• show deletions of text in red strikethrough ‘Example’
• show markup of insertions and deletions only and not comments, ink, formatting markup area highlights or reviewers
• show all revisions inline only and not balloons for revisions, comments or formatting
• select ‘Final Showing Markup’ to view the proposed changes to the document.

For ‘track changes’ instructions for Microsoft Word see Appendix 8.

The text box format for a track change to a Clause or Schedule should:

• show the date of the existing clause (to identify the version of the document amended),
• existing C number marked with a strikethrough; and
• marked with the ‘Proposed C number’.
Text box Example 1: ‘Track Change’

<table>
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<th>Date of current clause/schedule</th>
<th>19/01/2006</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Existing C number with strikethrough</td>
<td>C20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed number</td>
<td>Proposed C40</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: The first text box and the text boxes to the amending subclause(s) should be amended as shown in Example 1.

The ‘track changes’ documents should be used as the master copy to produce a ‘final form’ document (changes included but not marked up).

To view or print a document in the ‘final form’ adjust the ‘Display for Review’ setting to ‘Final’.

For examples of amending a clause and a schedule in ‘track changes’ format see Appendix 7.

Instances where changes to the provisions are significant and involve a substantial rewrite of local provisions, ie. Municipal Strategic Statement, it can be prepared in the ‘final form’ without changes marked up. Before preparing amendment documents in ‘final form’ you should consult with the regional planner.

The text box format for a substantial rewrite of a Clause or Schedule, should:

- show no date; and
- be marked with the ‘Proposed C number’.

Text box Example 2: Substantial rewrite

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<th>DD/MM/YYYY Proposed C40</th>
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<tr>
<td>Proposed C number</td>
<td>Proposed C40</td>
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Note: The first text box and the text boxes to the amending subclause(s) should be amended as shown in Example 2.

For an example of a substantial rewrite of a current clause see Appendix 8.

Inserting a new zone or overlay

If the amendment proposes to insert a new zone or overlay into the planning scheme for the first time, a PDF copy of the current approved clause must be obtained from VPP online.

Inserting a new clause and schedule

When inserting a new clause or schedule the provisions should be submitted in the ‘final form’.

If the amendment inserts a zone or overlay into the planning scheme, the schedule must also be included. If a schedule is set out in Annexure 2 to the Ministerial Direction on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes, the schedule must be in the format set out in the Ministerial Direction and include any details or information indicated in the clause or provision as being mandatory. If no information is to be included in the schedule the words “None specified” must be included where appropriate to make the intent clear.
Use the [Local provisions schedule templates in Word](#) webpage to obtain a copy of the relevant schedule template which the amendment proposes to insert into the planning scheme.

The **text box format** for any new clause or schedule, should:

- show no date; and

- marked with the ‘**Proposed C number**’.

Text box **Example 3**: Inserting a new clause / schedule

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<th>DD/MM/YYYY Proposed C number</th>
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<td>Proposed C40</td>
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*Note: The first text box and the text boxes to the amending subclause(s) should be amended as shown in Example 3.*

For an example of the format for a new clause see Appendix 9: Insert new clause in final format

**Incorporated documents (if applicable)**

New or revised incorporated documents must be supplied to the department electronically, as they form part of the amendment. Incorporated documents must include a date (month and year).

**Supporting documents (if applicable)**

Supporting documentation should be submitted to the department electronically where possible.

Large supporting documents that are not available electronically should be addressed and sent by to the Minister for Planning by mail via the relevant department office.

**List of Amendments**

A **List of Amendments** does not need to be submitted. However the List of Amendments description should be provided to the department in the ‘Application Form – Request to approve an adopted amendment to the planning scheme’. The description should be concise and clearly explain what the amendment does.

An example:

‘Inserts a new incorporated document titled “Gumnut Garden Residential Development, January 2013” in the Schedule to Clause 52.03 and the Schedule to Clause 81.01 to allow land identified in the incorporated document to be used and developed for the purpose of residential development subject to conditions. Amends Clause 22.01 – Dwelling in Residential Zones and Schedule 3 to Clause 43.05 Neighbourhood Character Overlay.’

**Table of Contents (if applicable)**

A **Table of Contents** for the planning scheme does not need to be submitted. However, the changes proposed to the Table of Contents should be provided to the department in the ‘Application Form – Request to approve an adopted amendment to the planning scheme’.
8  |  Peer review of amendment documentation

Before finalising the amendment documentation, it is recommended that a person other than the drafter of the amendment reads the amendment to check for:

- clarity and readability
- accuracy
- typographical errors
- compliance with the Ministerial Direction on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes
- compliance with the Minister’s authorisation for the preparation of the amendment
- consistency between the Instruction Sheet and attached map and documents
- correct electronic format and naming conventions.

9  |  Submitting the amendment to the department

All amendment documentation should be submitted electronically to the relevant department office (Planning Statutory Services or regional office). No paper copies are required.

The Amendment documents checklist should be submitted with the amendment at each amendment stage. To view the checklist see Appendix 10: Amendment documents checklist.

Exhibition

When a copy of an amendment is given to the Minister under section 17(1)(c) of the Act, it should be submitted electronically to planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au 10 working days before the first notice. This is to ensure that accurate information about the amendment is available when it is exhibited.

The amendment must be accompanied by a covering letter setting out the date on which the notice of the amendment will appear in the Government Gazette.

The planning authority is responsible for arranging the publication of the notice of the preparation of the amendment in the Government Gazette. This can be done by contacting the Victorian Government Gazette Office.

The gazette notice and covering letter templates are available from the Amendment templates webpage at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/amendmenttemplates.

The department will ensure that the amendment is available on ‘Planning Scheme Amendments Online’ and listed on the ‘Planning documents on Exhibition’ web page on the day the notice appears in the Victorian Government Gazette.

For preparing exhibition amendment documentation see Appendix 2: Checklist for submitting an amendment to the Minister before Exhibition.
Approval of an amendment by the Minister

This applies for an amendment to be approved by the Minister.

After a planning authority has adopted an amendment, it must submit the amendment to the Minister together with the prescribed information under section 31(1) of the Act (refer to Regulation 10 of the Planning and Environment Regulations Act 2004 for a list of the prescribed information to be submitted for the Minister). The amendment should be sent electronically to planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au. No paper copies are required.

A completed Application Form must be submitted with the amendment documents. It is also highly recommended that an Amendment documents checklist is completed prior to the amendment being submitted to the department.

The following Application Form templates can be found on the Amendment templates webpage at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/amendmenttemplates:

- Request to approve an adopted amendment to the planning scheme
- Request to approve a prescribed amendment to the planning scheme
- Request to prepare, adopt and approve a ministerial amendment to the planning scheme.

For preparing amendment documentation for Ministerial approval see Appendix 3: Checklist for submitting an amendment to the Minister for approval.

10 | Useful links

Planning services directory

The following online services are accessible via the Planning services directory webpage www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning-services-directory:

- Local provisions in Word
- Planning Histories
- Planning Maps Online
- Planning Scheme Amendments Online
- Planning Schemes Online
- VPP Online

Changing the planning scheme


Amendment templates


Planning documents on Exhibition

www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/publicinspection

Practice and advisory notes


Ministerial Directions

Email addresses

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

- Planning scheme services (lodgement of amendment, planning scheme online issues, amendment process): planning.schemes@dtpli.vic.gov.au
- Mapping services: planning.mappingservices@dtpli.vic.gov.au

SUBMITTING AMENDMENT DOCUMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT:

- Lodgement of Authorisation requests: planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au
- Submitting exhibition documentation: planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au
- Submitting a request to approve an adopted amendment: planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au
- Submitting a prescribed amendment for approval: planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au
- Submitting a Ministerial amendment to prepare, adopt and approve: planning.amendments@dtpli.vic.gov.au
## Checklist for submitting an application for authorisation

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<td>Authorisation Application form</td>
<td>Word or PDF</td>
<td>[Planning scheme] Authorisation Application form</td>
<td>The letter should describe the extent of notice to be given for the amendment and whether the council believes the proposed amendment is of local significance only and can be approved by the planning authority. The request for authorisation letter template can be obtained from <a href="http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/amendmenttemplates">www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/amendmenttemplates</a></td>
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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (MAY BE REQUESTED AT AUTHORISATION STAGE)

| Amendment map sheets | PDF | [Planning scheme] space [map sheet number] d- (if a deletion map) [type of map] Map(s) [planning scheme map(s) number affected] (if more than one map insert _ between the map numbers affected) space [amendment stage] | At authorisation stage, maps only need to indicatively show the area being amended. To assist in the preparation of authorisation maps please use Planning Maps online or council’s GIS mapping services. [Please note: As it is recommended that council allocate a number after authorisation has been obtained, the department Mapping Services team cannot produce maps at this stage, as they require an amendment “C number” to produce the maps.] Authorisation maps submitted to the Department must be submitted using the correct naming convention. | ☐ |
### Checklist for submitting an application for authorisation

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<td>Amendment clauses and</td>
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<td>[Planning scheme] space [clause number] _ a lower case s (if the document is a schedule) [schedule number] (if the clause provides for multiple schedules) _ [municipal identifying suffix] [amendment stage]. All characters are written in a continuous stream. Examples: Gumnut 21_03_gumn Authorisation Gumnut 36_01s01_gumn Authorisation Gumnut 42_01s04_gumn Authorisation Gumnut 44_01s_gumn Authorisation</td>
<td>Contact the department to obtain advice on the appropriate use of planning provisions and statutory drafting.</td>
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<td>Draft permit</td>
<td>Word</td>
<td>[Planning scheme] (insert Draft Planning Permit no.) Draft Planning Permit [amendment stage]. Example: Gumnut PG12345 Draft Planning Permit Authorisation</td>
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# Checklist for submitting an amendment to the Minister before Exhibition

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<td>Preparation of an Amendment Letter</td>
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<td>[Planning scheme] C[number] Notice of Preparation of an Amendment Letter [amendment stage]</td>
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<td>Example: Gumnut C1 Notice of Preparation of an Amendment Letter Exhibition</td>
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<td>Amendment Clauses and Schedules</td>
<td>Word – in ‘Track changes’ format* <em>(Except for a substantial rewrite of an existing or new provision.)</em></td>
<td>The new or amended local provisions should be constructed as: [Planning scheme] space C[number] space [clause number] _ a lower case s (if the document is a schedule) [schedule number] (if the clause provides for multiple schedules) _ [municipal identifying suffix] track changes [amendment stage]</td>
<td>The planning authority must prepare the amendment clauses and schedules with the proposed changes marked up. This should be done using the ‘track change’ function in Microsoft Word. For further instructions on ‘track change’ settings see Appendix 8.</td>
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<td>Changing an existing Local provision</td>
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<td>Gumnut C1 36_01s01_gumn track changes Exhibition</td>
<td>If a clause / schedule is being amended the latest clause / schedule template can be obtained from <a href="http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/-local-planning-provisions-in-microsoft-word">www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/-local-planning-provisions-in-microsoft-word</a>.</td>
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<td>Gumnut C1 42_01s04_gumn track changes Exhibition</td>
<td>The date should remain in all text boxes to identify the version of the document amended and the word ‘proposed’ should be added in front of the ‘C’ number. This indicates the version of the clause / schedule that has been used to prepare the amendment.</td>
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## Checklist for submitting an amendment to the Minister before Exhibition

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<td>PDF</td>
<td>[Planning scheme] space C[number] space [map sheet number] (located at the bottom right-hand corner of maps prepared by the department Mapping Data team) d- (if a deletion map) [type of map] [Map(s)] (planning scheme map(s) number affected) (if more than one map insert _ between the map numbers affected) space [amendment stage]</td>
<td>All A4 maps prepared by the department’s mapping service have a map sheet number allocated on the bottom right-hand corner. A3 maps do not have a map sheet number. Exact zoning and/or overlay changes should be clearly delineated. The department Mapping Services team can provide assistance with the preparation of amendment maps. Maps prepared by the department Mapping Services team will be named using the correct naming conventions. When inserting or deleting map(s) ensure the Schedule to Clause 61.03 is also part of the amendment to reflect this change. For further guidance on amendment map sheets see Section 7 of this guide.</td>
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### Amendment clauses and schedules

- **VPP clauses**
  - Clauses drawn from the VPP

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<th>VPP provisions VPP clauses can only be amended by a VC or V amendment. The VPP clause must be submitted in PDF format available online.</th>
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Discuss with the relevant department regional office what additional background information is required when submitting an adopted amendment for approval. |
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Example: Amendment Instruction Sheet

Planning and Environment Act 1987
GUMNUT PLANNING SCHEME
AMENDMENT C1
INSTRUCTION SHEET

The planning authority for this amendment is the Gumnut Shire Council.

The Gumnut Planning Scheme is amended as follows:

Planning Scheme Maps

The Planning Scheme Maps are amended by a total of 12 attached map sheets.

Zoning Maps

1. Amend Planning Scheme Map No.13 in the manner shown on the 1 attached map marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”.
2. Amend Planning Scheme Map Nos.14 and 15 in the manner shown on the 1 attached map marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”.

Overlay Maps

3. Amend Planning Scheme Map No.13ESO in the manner shown on the 1 attached map marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”.
4. Amend Planning Scheme Map Nos.14HO and 15HO in the manner shown on the 3 attached maps marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”.
5. Amend Planning Scheme Map No. 8DDO and insert new Planning Scheme Map Nos. 3DDO, 4DDO and 5DDO in the manner shown on the 1 attached map marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”.
6. Insert new Planning Scheme Map Nos. 14DPO and 15DPO in the manner shown on the 2 attached maps marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”.
7. Amend Planning Scheme Map No. 17EAO and delete Planning Scheme Map Nos. 18EAO and 19EAO in the manner shown on the 1 attached map marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme Amendment C1”.
8. Delete Planning Scheme Map No.16EAO in the manner shown on the 1 attached map marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”.
9. Amend Planning Scheme Map No. 15RXO in the manner shown on the 1 attached map marked “Gumnut Planning Scheme, Amendment C1”, by replacing the Road Closure Overlay on a permanent basis. The Road Closure Overlay was applied in the interim by Amendment C2.

Planning Scheme Ordinance

The Planning Scheme Ordinance is amended as follows:


15. In Local Planning Policy Framework – replace Clause 22.03 with a new Clause 22.03 in the form of the attached document.


17. In Local Planning Policy Framework – delete Clause 22.06.

18. In Zones – delete Clause 33.01 and the Schedule.

19. In Zones – Clause 37.01, replace Schedule 1 with a new Schedule 1 in the form of the attached document.

20. In Zones – Clause 37.01, replace Schedule 2 with a new Schedule 2 in the form of the attached document.

21. In Zones – Clause 37.02, replace Schedule 2 with a new Schedule 2 in the form of the attached document.

22. In Zones – insert Clause 37.03 in the form of the attached document.

23. In Zones – Clause 37.03, insert a new Schedule in the form of the attached document.

24. In Zones – delete Clause 37.06 and Schedules 1 and 2.

25. In Overlays – Clause 42.03, replace Schedule 2 with a new Schedule 2 in the form of the attached document.

26. In Overlays – Clause 43.01, replace the Schedule with a new Schedule in the form of the attached document.

27. In Overlays – Clause 43.02, replace Schedule 2 with a new Schedule 2 in the form of the attached document.

28. In Overlays – insert Clause 43.04 in the form of the attached document.

29. In Overlays – Clause 43.04, insert a new Schedule 1 in the form of the attached document.

30. In Overlays – delete Clause 44.01.

31. In Overlays – delete Clause 45.06 and Schedules 1 and 2.

32. In Particular Provisions – Clause 52.17, replace the Schedule with a new Schedule in the form of the attached document.

33. In Particular Provisions – Clause 52.28, replace Schedule 52.28-3 with a new Schedule in the form of the attached document.

34. In General Provisions – Clause 61.01, replace the Schedule with a new Schedule in the form of the attached document.

35. In General Provisions – Clause 61.03, replace the Schedule with a new Schedule in the form of the attached document.

36. In Incorporated Documents – Clause 81.01, replace the Schedule with a new Schedule in the form of the attached document.

End of document
Example: Amendment zoning map sheet

GUMNUT PLANNING SCHEME
LOCAL PROVISION

PPRZ
Public Park and Recreation Zone

AMENDMENT C54
Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure
Example: Amendment overlay map sheet
Appendix 6

Track change instructions for Microsoft Word

Review tab – Tracking toolbar

Track changes’ button has 3 sections

1. Track changes – this button switches the ‘track changes’ function On and Off

2. ‘Change Tracking Options’ settings should be:

   ‘Markup’ dialogue box:
   - **Insertions** – Underlined  Colour – Blue
   - **Deletions** – Strikethrough  Colour – Red
   - **Changed line** – Outside border  Colour – Black

   - **Track moves** – not selected

   Formatting – not selected

   Balloons
   - **Use balloons** – choose ‘Never’

3. Change User name – no change needed

‘Balloons’ button has 3 choices, select ‘Show All Revisions Inline’
‘Display for Review’ field has 4 choices. ‘Final Showing Markup’ should be selected to show in ‘track changes’ format. For final version with changes included select ‘Final’.

**Final Showing Markup** – shows changes to document marked

**Final** – shows document with changes to document included and not marked

**Original Showing Markup** – shows original text and markup

**Original** – shows original text without change

‘Show Markup’ button has 6 options to choose. ‘Insertions and Deletions’ should only be selected.

‘Reviewing Pane’ should not be selected.
22.01 URBAN DESIGN POLICY – GUMNUT SOUTH DEVELOPMENT AREA

This policy relates to the key focus area of settlement and applies to the consideration of all applications to develop land within the Gumnut South Development Area.

22.01-1 Policy basis

The Municipal Strategic Statement encourages an integrated urban design approach be applied to all new development, including the proposed height and scale of the development in relation to its particular setting and location.

It encourages all new development to generally respect the one or two storey built form character of the City in residential areas and most commercial areas.

22.01-2 Objectives

- To ensure the design and scale of new development makes a positive contribution to the built form of the area and is respectful to the existing character and streetscape, creates a new contemporary character for the Gumnut South Development area.
- To ensure the use of materials and form of construction respects the character of the area.
- To encourage innovation, good design and high standards in the construction of new buildings.
- To encourage buildings to be designed to take maximum advantage of climatic factors to minimise energy utilisation.

22.01-3 Policy

It is policy that:

- Development achieves a high standard of urban design with the selection of building materials.
- New buildings:
  - Setbacks are diverse and not consistent with those of adjoining buildings.
  - Forms and the materials are modern and innovative to create a new residential and commercial character.

22.01-4 Application requirements

In addition to the provisions of Clause 52.35, the following information is required to be submitted, as appropriate:

- A landscape plan.
- Existing land uses and buildings and works on the site and of adjoining properties.
- A statement explaining how the proposal addresses this policy.
Gumnut Planning Scheme

22.01-5 Gumnut South Development Area

Map 1 - Gumnut South Development Area

August 2010

January 2013
SCHEDULE 1 TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as NC01.

GUMNUT GARDEN RESIDENTIAL PRECINCT

1.0 Statement of neighbourhood character

The Gumnut Garden is a significant open space area located in the middle of the Gumnut Garden Residential Precinct. The Gumnut Garden Residential Precinct displays a very strong landscape and garden theme. The significance of this area is attributable to a number of key neighbourhood character features including attractive private residential gardens comprising mature indigenous and exotic species, generous front, side and rear setback of existing dwellings, the modest nature of existing development, street trees and the Gumnut Garden itself.

The residential precinct plays a pivotal role in maintaining the landscape and natural environment values of the Gumnut Garden. The Garden’s edge, and its interface with local streets, is paramount to these values.

The general setting of the Garden, including the streets in the precinct, play a role in contributing to the attractive garden character of the area.

The preservation and enhancement of the character of this precinct is dependent on ensuring that the building form maintains an inconspicuous profile against the dominant landscape values, adequate open space is set aside to sustain medium to large trees and existing significant vegetation is maintained.

2.0 Neighbourhood character objective

To maintain and enhance the existing treed interface between residential properties and the Gumnut Garden.

To retain the informal garden qualities and the dominance of medium to large sized evergreen and deciduous trees.

To ensure that development provides for adequate building setbacks to protect and enhance the open garden character of the area.

To ensure that the location and scale of new buildings and works is consistent with the prevalent character of the area.

3.0 Permit requirement

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop a tree.
4.0 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- The reasons for removing any tree and the practicalities of alternative options that do not require removal of any trees.
- The size and species of any replacement vegetation.
- The effect of any building and works, including paving, landscaping and fencing on the garden character of the area.
- The selection of building materials.
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22.01-3 Policy

It is policy to:

- Development achieves a high standard of urban design with the selection of building materials and with the construction.
- New Buildings:
  - Forms and the materials are modern and innovative to create a new residential and commercial character.

22.01-4 Application requirements

In addition to the provisions of Clause 52.35, the following information is required to be submitted, as appropriate:

- A landscape plan.
- A statement explaining how the proposal addresses this policy.

22.01-5 Policy Reference

- Gumnut South Mater Plan, January 2012
Example: Format for a substantial rewrite of a clause (before submitting consult with the department planner)
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Gumnut South Development Area

Map 1 - Gumnut South Development Area

January 2013
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Refer to the Guidelines for Preparing Planning Scheme Amendment Documentation, September 2014

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### Glossary

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<td>Authorisation</td>
<td>A municipal council, other Minister or public authority can only prepare an amendment to a planning scheme if authorised to do so by the Minister for Planning (refer to sections 8A and 9 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987). The purpose of the authorisation is to identify whether a proposal is consistent with State Policy or interests and ensure that it makes appropriate use of the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP).</td>
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<td>Clause</td>
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