

Appendix G. Detailed Assessment against the Hume Planning Scheme

Table 6.2 : Assessment against the State Planning Policy Framework

Clause	Response
State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF)	
<p>12.01-1 Protection of biodiversity</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To assist the protection and conservation of Victoria’s biodiversity, including important habitat for Victoria’s flora and fauna and other strategically valuable biodiversity sites.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <p>Use statewide biodiversity information to identify high value biodiversity and consider the impact of land use and development on these values.</p> <p>Ensure strategic planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoids and minimises significant impacts, including cumulative impacts, of land use and development on Victoria’s biodiversity • Considers impacts of any change in land-use or development that may affect the biodiversity value of adjoining national parks and conservation reserves or nationally and internationally significant sites including wetlands and wetland wildlife habitat designated under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (the Ramsar Convention), and sites utilised by species designated under the Japan-Australia Migratory Birds Agreement (JAMBA) or the China-Australia Migratory Birds Agreement (CAMBA). • Assists in the protection and management of sites containing high value biodiversity. • Assists in the re-establishment of links between isolated habitat remnants that contain high 	<p>The proposal gives effect to this clause.</p> <p>The Project has been designed to utilise proposed road reserves.</p> <p>Where native vegetation is to be impacted in the southern section of the project, appropriate offsets have been secured to adequately compensate. In accordance with the <i>Permitted Clearing of native vegetation Biodiversity assessment guidelines (DEPI 2013)</i> and the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy</i>, these offsets will assist in the protection and management of high value biodiversity sites.</p>

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<p>value biodiversity.</p> <p>Ensure that decision making takes into account the impacts of land use and development on Victoria's high value biodiversity.</p>	
<p>12.01-2 Native vegetation management</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To ensure that permitted clearing of native vegetation results in no net loss in the contribution made by native vegetation to Victoria's biodiversity.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <p>Apply the risk-based approach to managing native vegetation as set out in Permitted clearing of native vegetation – Biodiversity assessment guidelines (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, September 2013). These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid the removal of native vegetation that makes a significant contribution to Victoria's biodiversity. • Minimise impacts on Victoria's biodiversity. • Where native vegetation is permitted to be removed, ensure that an offset is provided in a manner that makes a contribution to Victoria's biodiversity that is equivalent to the contribution made by the native vegetation to be removed. 	<p>The proposal gives effect to this clause.</p> <p>The removal of this vegetation has been assessed against the <i>Permitted clearing of native vegetation – Biodiversity assessment guidelines (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, September 2013)</i>.</p> <p>Where native vegetation is to be impacted in the southern section of the Project, appropriate offsets have been secured to adequately compensate. In accordance with the <i>Permitted Clearing of native vegetation Biodiversity assessment guidelines (DEPI 2013)</i> and the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy</i>, these offsets will assist in the protection and management of high value biodiversity sites and will contribute to the long term maintenance of biodiversity values in the state.</p>
<p>19.03-2 Water supply, sewerage and drainage</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To plan for the provision of water supply, sewerage and drainage services that efficiently and effectively</p>	<p>The proposal gives effect to this clause.</p> <p>The Project will provide essential provision of drinking and non-drinking water infrastructure for developing</p>

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<p>meet State and community needs and protect the environment.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <p>Ensure water quality in water supply catchments is protected from possible contamination by urban, industrial and agricultural land uses.</p> <p>Provide for sewerage at the time of subdivision, or ensure lots created by the subdivision are capable of adequately treating and retaining all domestic wastewater within the boundaries of each lot.</p> <p>Plan urban stormwater drainage systems to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with adjacent municipalities and take into account the catchment context. • Include measures to reduce peak flows and assist screening, filtering and treatment of stormwater, to enhance flood protection and minimise impacts on water quality in receiving waters. • Prevent, where practicable, the intrusion of litter. <p>Encourage the re-use of wastewater including urban run-off, treated sewage effluent and run-off from irrigated farmland where appropriate.</p>	<p>communities in Melbourne's Northern Growth Areas.</p> <p>The infrastructure has been planned in conjunction with the Yarra Valley Water's Northern Growth Corridor Servicing Strategy.</p> <p>This proposal meets the objective of this stage planning policy, providing for and responding to future community need.</p>

Table 6.3 : Assessment against the Local Planning Policy Framework

Clause	Response
Local Policy Framework (LPPF)	
<p>21.04-1 Infrastructure Provision</p> <p>Objective</p>	<p>The proposal gives effect to this clause.</p> <p>The Project will provide essential provision of water infrastructure for developing communities in Melbourne's Northern Growth Corridor.</p>

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<p>To ensure the timely provision of infrastructure in order to encourage economic development, ensure the wellbeing for the community and protect the environment.</p> <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that developers contribute equitably to the provision of physical and community infrastructure. • New urban residential development will be limited to those designated areas where development can be serviced most efficiently and is to be preceded by the preparation of a plan (such as a local structure plan) which shows and describes the overall pattern of development. • Ensure the timely delivery of infrastructure and services through effective planning and by advocating to the State and Federal Governments for appropriate funding and services 	<p>The timing of the infrastructure is designed to be in place in advance of potable and non-potable water infrastructure demand. The Project proposal will ensure the adequate provision of essential infrastructure to growing communities.</p> <p>The infrastructure has been planned in conjunction with the Yarra Valley Water's Northern Growth Corridor Servicing Strategy.</p> <p>This proposal meets the objective of this policy objective, providing for and responding to future community need.</p>
<p>21.05-1 Biodiversity</p> <p>Objective 1</p> <p>To protect and where possible restore the integrity of the City's biodiversity</p> <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect environmental sites that have been identified as having local or greater significance. • Ensure that land use and development proposals in the vicinity of Merri Creek, Cooper Street Grasslands, Craigieburn Grasslands and other sites of identified environmental significance are designed and located in such a way as to protect and enhance the ecological, landscape and cultural values of these sites. • Ensure that new subdivision and development proposals, require the preparation of a site 	<p>The proposed removal of native vegetation has been assessed against the <i>Permitted clearing of native vegetation – Biodiversity assessment guidelines (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, September 2013)</i>.</p> <p>The Project has been designed to utilise the future Aitken Boulevard road reserve.</p> <p>The impacts of the Project have been assessed against relevant environmental planning controls under Clause 52.17. Detailed analysis regarding biodiversity features have been surveyed with appropriate management responses developed in accordance with the Clause 52.17.</p>

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<p>analysis plan which shows the existing topographic, visual, flora, fauna, habitat and built features of the site and surrounding land, and a written report explaining how the proposal has responded to the identified features.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and document remnant vegetation and wildlife corridors and develop and implement initiatives for their protection. Ensure that productive use of rural land, and development proposals are compatible with identified environmental values and effective separation between urban areas. Ensure that new development adjacent to Moonee Ponds Creek and Broadmeadows Valley Park is designed and located so as to embrace and enhance the conservation, and habitat qualities of these spaces. 	

Table 6.4 : Assessment against Environmental Significance Overlay Schedules 5 and 11 (ESO5 & ESO11)

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<p>Clause 42.03 Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 5 (Mount Ridley Grassland and Woodland) (ESO5)</p> <p>Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effect of the proposed removal of native vegetation on the habitat value and long term viability of remnant grasses in the vicinity. The significance of the native vegetation area. The reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require removal of the native vegetation. The requirements of the Native Woodland protection Area Guidelines as they apply to land within the Mount Ridley Local Structure Plan. 	<p>The impact to native vegetation covered by the ESO5 will be limited to 1.4 Ha in the northern area of southern section of the alignment.</p> <p>The significance of the vegetation has been determined as Heavier Soils Plains Grassland (EVC 132_61)</p> <p>Alternatives to the proposed action have been discussed at Section 4.2</p>
<p>Clause 42.03 Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 11 (River Red-Gum and Grassy Woodland) (ESO11)</p> <p>An application must be accompanied by:</p>	<p>A full description of the nature and extent of removal of native vegetation is found at Appendix B.</p> <p>The total extent of native vegetation removal is determined to be 1.4 Ha Ha contained under the ESO11.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of any proposed disturbance of surface soil or rocks associated with the proposal. • The total extent of vegetation on the property and the extent of native vegetation proposed to be cleared. • A description of the steps that have been taken to avoid and minimise the removal of native vegetation including the practicality of alternative options which do not require removal of the native vegetation. <p>An application must also be accompanied by, as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A flora and fauna assessment of the land prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The assessment must include: , <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A flora and fauna survey. , ○ A habitat hectare assessment. , Identification of the vegetation and habitat significance of the property. , ○ A description of the effect of the proposed development in relation to other areas of native vegetation or native fauna habitat, including any proposed reserves, strategic reserves, conservation reserves, streams and waterways. • A land and environmental management plan prepared by a suitably qualified person identifying, as appropriate: , <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any proposals for revegetation, including proposed species, and ground stabilisation. , ○ How any vegetation removal will be offset (an offset plan), in accordance with Victoria's Native Vegetation Management: A Framework For Action (Department of Natural Resources and Environment 2002). , ○ Weed management, including species to be targeted and proposed management techniques. , Pest animal management, including species to be targeted and proposed management techniques. <p>If in the opinion of the responsible authority a flora and fauna assessment of the land or a land and environmental management plan is not relevant to the assessment of an application, the responsible authority may waive or reduce the requirement.</p>	<p>A description of the MCA process that has sought to minimise impacts to ecological values along the corridor can be found at Section 4.2.</p> <p>An Ecology assessment is found accompanying this planning permit application. The report details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A summary of previous flora and fauna survey work and includes an updated report on ecological values to be impacted along the corridor. , ○ A habitat hectare assessment has been provided under with the proper identification of the vegetation and habitat significance <p>The effect of the proposed development on other areas of native vegetation beyond that which is directly impacted will be minimal. There are no identified streams near to the proposed works area. The Mt Ridley conservation reserve is located near to the Project area to the west, there are no determined impacts directly on the reserve.</p> <p>All impacts to native vegetation under the ESO11 will be offset in accordance with the <i>Permitted clearing of native vegetation – Biodiversity assessment guidelines (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, September 2013)</i>.</p> <p>It is determined, that given the discrete limited nature of impacts to native vegetation under the ESO11, that a comprehensive environmental management plan will not be necessary to effectively manage impacts to native vegetation.</p> <p>It is respectfully determined that all relevant management options available to the responsible authority to address particular requirements under the ESO11 can be managed through appropriate conditions placed on any future planning permit in the management of impacts under Clause 52.17.</p>

Table 6.5 : Assessment against general and particular provisions

Clause	Response
<p>Clause 52.17 Native Vegetation</p> <p>All applications to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the native vegetation to be removed. • A description of the native vegetation to be removed, including the area of the patch of native vegetation and/or the number of any scattered trees to be removed. • Maps or plans containing information set out in the Permitted clearing of native vegetation – Biodiversity assessment guidelines, (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, September 2013) • Recent dated photographs of the native vegetation to be removed. • Topographic information, highlighting ridges, crests and hilltops, streams and waterways, slopes of more than 20 percent, drainage lines, low lying areas, saline discharge areas, and areas of existing erosion. • A copy of any property vegetation plan that applies to the site. • Where the removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation is to create defensible space, a statement explaining why removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation is required having regard to other available bushfire risk mitigation measures. This does not apply to the creation of defensible space in conjunction with an application under the Bushfire Management Overlay. • Details of any other native vegetation that was permitted to be removed on the same property with the same ownership in the five year period before the application for a permit to remove native vegetation is lodged. • The strategic biodiversity score of the native vegetation to be removed. • The offset requirement if the native vegetation is permitted to be removed. <p>An application included in the moderate and high risk-based pathway must also be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A habitat hectare assessment of the native vegetation to be removed. • A statement outlining what steps have been taken to minimise the impacts of the removal of 	<p>The proposal complies with this clause.</p> <p>The native vegetation proposed for removal has been assessed as native vegetation to be removed under Clause 52.17. Details of assessment of this clause are found specifically at 5.4.2.</p> <p>General application requirements have been met as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the native vegetation to be removed. • A description of the native vegetation to be removed, including the area of the patch of native vegetation to be removed. • Recent dated photographs of the native vegetation to be removed. • Topographic information <p>In addition the relevant risk based pathway has been identified and offsets determined.</p>

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<p>native vegetation on biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An assessment of whether the proposed removal of native vegetation will have a significant impact on Victoria's biodiversity, with specific regard to the proportional impact on habitat for any rare or threatened species.• An offset strategy that details how a compliant offset will be secured to offset the biodiversity impacts of the removal of native vegetation.	