

DIRECTION NO. 18

VICTORIAN PLANNING AUTHORITY
ADVICE ON PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Direction is to provide consistent and coordinated urban development of places in relation to which the Victorian Planning Authority (or any superseded Authority) is, or has been, approved or directed by the Minister to provide advice.
2. The Direction ensures that a planning authority seeks, and has regard to, the advice of the Victorian Planning Authority when preparing an amendment to rezone land in relation to which the Authority has, or has previously been directed to provide advice.
3. It will ensure that amendments remain generally in accordance with approved strategic plans and policies.

Definition

4. In this Direction, *superseded Authority* means the Metropolitan Planning Authority or the Growth Areas Authority.

Application

5. This Direction applies to the preparation of any planning scheme amendment that provides for the rezoning of land within or affecting:
 - any area that is, or has been, subject of a direction from the Minister to the Victorian Planning Authority issued pursuant to Section 36(1) of the Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017; or
 - any area that is, or has been, subject of activity or advice on the part of any superseded Authority (including, but not limited to, land within a Precinct Structure Plan prepared by a superseded Authority).

Requirements to be met

6. In preparing an amendment to rezone land within or affecting any area in relation to which the Victorian Planning Authority (or any superseded Authority) is, or has been, approved or directed by the Minister to provide advice, a planning authority must consult with the Victorian Planning Authority and have regard to that advice.
7. In preparing an amendment to rezone land within or affecting any area in relation to which the Victorian Planning Authority (or any superseded Authority) is, or has been, approved or directed by the Minister to provide advice, a planning authority must include in the explanatory report discussions of how the amendment addresses the following matters:
 - Whether any advice was provided by the Victorian Planning Authority.
 - The planning authority's response to that advice.
 - How the provisions give effect to the intended outcomes sought by the Victorian Planning Authority or any superseded Authority.

Exemption by Minister

8. The Minister may grant an exemption from the need to comply with this Direction in relation to a particular amendment. An exemption may be granted subject to conditions.

HON RICHARD WYNNE MP

Minister for Planning

Date: 28 January 2018