

**DIRECTION NO. 11**

# **STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF AMENDMENTS**

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## **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Direction is to ensure a comprehensive strategic evaluation of a planning scheme amendment and the outcomes it produces.

## **Application**

2. This Direction applies to all planning scheme amendments other than classes of amendments prescribed in regulation 9A of the Planning and Environment Regulations 2005.

## **Requirements to be met**

3. In preparing an amendment a planning authority must:
  - (1) Evaluate and include in the explanatory report a discussion about how the amendment addresses the following strategic considerations:
    - Why is an amendment required?
    - How does the amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria?
    - How does the amendment address any environmental, social and economic effects?
    - How does the amendment address any relevant bushfire risk?
    - Does the amendment comply with the requirements of any other Minister's Direction applicable to the amendment?
    - How does the amendment support or implement the Planning Policy Framework and any adopted State policy?
    - Is the amendment consistent with the delivery of the relevant housing target set out in the Planning Policy Framework?
    - If the planning scheme includes a Local Planning Policy Framework, how does the amendment support or implement the Local Planning Policy Framework, and specifically the Municipal Strategic Statement?
    - If the planning scheme includes a Municipal Planning Strategy, how does the amendment support or implement the Municipal Planning Strategy?
    - Does the amendment make proper use of the Victoria Planning Provisions?
    - How does the amendment address the views of any relevant agency?
    - Does the amendment address the requirements of the Transport Integration Act 2010?
    - How does the amendment have regard to the principles set out in the *Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murrong) Act 2017* in relation to Yarra River land and other land, the use of development of which may affect Yarra River land?

- (2) Assess the impact of the new planning provision on the resource and administration costs of the responsible authority.

## Exemption by Minister

4. 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.

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