

Priority Projects Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for accelerated approval and determination, a project must meet the eligibility criteria below. If a project is recommended it does not ultimately mean a project will be approved.

1. Economic

- **The project is of state or regional significance and will have a significant short to medium term economic impact, that has:**
 - Significant capital expenditure (\$50 million in metropolitan Melbourne, \$10 million in regional Victoria). This does not apply if the project provides a significant public benefit or is recommended by a responsible authority; and
 - Safeguards existing industry and/or jobs; and/or
 - Creates a significant number of new jobs (construction or ongoing).

2. Timing

- **The project is “shovel ready” meaning it has investment certainty, that can demonstrate:**
 - It is ready to commence within twelve months following approval; and
 - The capacity to secure funding for the project, including capitalisation and financial capacity.
- **The technical and compliance matters are resolved or have a clear resolution pathway:**
 - No technical analysis or assessment beyond planning assessment and approval is required; and/or
 - Technical matters can be resolved within three months of project submission.

- **The views of relevant stakeholders are known:**

- Public advertising/exhibition and/or statutory referral processes completed; and/or
- Council views are known; and/or
- Stakeholder and referral authority views are known; and/or
- Council, referral authority and stakeholders' views can be sought efficiently; or
- Views are not warranted.

- **The project has been or will be unreasonably delayed or impeded:**

- The project has been, or is expected to be, unreasonably delayed in the planning approval process or has undergone unforeseen impediments as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

3. Policy alignment & public benefit

- **The project aligns with government policy and priorities; and**

- **The project delivers, or is a stimulus to deliver significant public benefit, that:**

- Provides significant environmental, commercial, recreational, educational, health and essential services to the community, and/or
- Supports vulnerable communities, regions, industries or sectors.



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