

**DIRECTION NO.20**

**MAJOR HAZARD FACILITIES**

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**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Direction is to require planning authorities to seek and have regard to the views of WorkSafe Victoria and the Minister for Economic Development when preparing a planning scheme amendment which rezones land for, or is within the threshold distance of, a major hazard facility.

**Objective**

2. The aim of this Direction is to minimise potential human and property exposure from the risk of incidents that may occur at a major hazard facility and ensure their ongoing viability.

**Definition**

3. In this Direction:
  - **major hazard facility** has the same meaning as in the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017*;
  - **approved major hazard facility** means a major hazard facility that has been licensed or registered under the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017* but has not yet commenced operating.
  - **threshold distance** means the distance specified opposite the type of production, use or storage listed in the table to Clause 53.10-1 of the applicable planning scheme. If the type of production, use or storage is not listed in the table to Clause 53.10-1 of the applicable planning scheme, the threshold distance is 1000 metres.

**Application**

4. This Direction applies to the preparation of a planning scheme amendment that provides for:
  - a. a new major hazard facility.
  - b. the expansion of an existing major hazard facility.
  - c. any change to planning controls within a threshold distance of an existing or approved major hazard facility.

*Note:* A threshold distance is measured from the outer property boundary of an existing or approved major hazard facility.

**Requirement**

5. In preparing a planning scheme amendment, a planning authority must:
  - Seek the views of WorkSafe Victoria and the Minister for Economic Development about the amendment.
  - Include in the explanatory report a statement about how the amendment addresses the views of WorkSafe Victoria and the Minister for Economic Development.

### **Exemption by Minister**

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

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Minister for Planning

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