Planning and Environment Act 1987
Section 12(1A)

DIRECTION NO. 11

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF AMENDMENTS

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 murron) 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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