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**RAIL PROJECTS**

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**Purpose**

To facilitate the delivery of projects carried out by or on behalf of Rail Projects Victoria.

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**Application**

This clause applies to the use and development of land for a project carried out by or on behalf of Rail Projects Victoria.

This clause does not apply to:

- The subdivision of land.
- The use or development of land for a promotion sign or a major promotion sign.
- A use or development that would not require a permit under a provision of this planning scheme but for the provisions of clause 52.36.
- A use or development to which clause 52.03 applies.
- A use or development for a project if a document has been incorporated into this planning scheme expressly for the project and the use and development is carried out on land to which the specific control contained in the document applies.
- A use or development carried out in accordance with a permit issued on or before the approval date of Amendment VC198.
- A use or development for which a planning permit is granted by the responsible authority in accordance with the provisions of this planning scheme which would apply in the absence of the exemption in clause 52.36-3.
- A development for which an environment effects statement has been, or is required by the Minister for Planning to be, prepared under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*.

The provisions of clause 52.36 prevail over any inconsistent provision in this planning scheme.

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**Exemption from planning scheme requirements**

Any requirement of this planning scheme to obtain a permit or any provision of this planning scheme that prohibits or restricts the use or development of land, requires the use or development of land to be carried out in a particular manner, or requires a specified thing to be done to the satisfaction of a specified person or body, does not apply to a use or development to which this clause 52.36 applies if the requirements of clause 52.36 are met.

This exemption does not apply to a requirement in clauses 45.08 or 51.03, or in any schedule to those clauses.

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**Use and development requirements**

The use and development of land must be carried out generally in accordance with the plans and documents approved by the Minister for Planning under clause 52.36, to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.

The construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works in a Floodway Overlay, Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, Special Building Overlay or Urban Floodway Zone must be carried out to the satisfaction of the relevant floodplain management authority.

The creation or alteration of access to a road in a Road Zone, Category 1, or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay if the purpose of acquisition is for a Category 1 road, must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Head, Transport for Victoria.

The use and development of land in a Public Acquisition Overlay must be carried out to the satisfaction of the relevant acquiring authority.

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**Consultation requirements**

Before the commencement of the use or development:

- Public consultation, including consultation with relevant public authorities and the municipal council for the municipal district within which the proposed use or development will be carried out, must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.
- A report that summarises the consultation undertaken and feedback received, and explains how the feedback has been considered and responded to must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.

The requirements of this clause may be varied or waived by the Minister for Planning.

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**Project boundary requirement**

Before the use or development commences, a plan that shows the boundary of the land on which the use or development will be carried out must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.

The plan may be prepared in stages and may be amended to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.

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**Other pre-commencement requirements**

Before the use or development (other than a preparatory use or development) commences, the following plans, documents and information must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning:

- A description of the natural, physical, cultural heritage, built heritage, landscape, vegetation, access and any other notable features, characteristics and significance of the site and surrounding area including the existing use and development of the site and surrounding land.
- A description of the project.
- An explanation of how the proposed use or development responds to the decision guidelines in this planning scheme that would have applied to an application for a permit for the proposed use or development but for the provisions of this clause 52.36.
- If the land is in the Heritage Overlay and the proposed development would require a permit under the overlay but for the exemption in clause 52.36-3:
  - An assessment of the impact of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the heritage place.
  - Site plans and elevations showing the extent of the proposed development on the land.
  - Photographs of any buildings or works to be demolished or removed, including photographs of the exterior and interior of the building and contextual images of the building's environs and setting.
- If the land is in an Environmental Significance Overlay, a Significant Landscape Overlay or a Vegetation Protection Overlay and the proposed development would require a permit under the overlay but for the exemption in clause 52.36-3, an explanation of how the proposed development responds to any environmental, vegetation or landscape significance or objective specified in a schedule to the overlay.
- An explanation of how the proposed use or development is consistent with any applicable Statement of Planning Policy.

- An environmental management framework, prepared having regard to consultation undertaken with each relevant municipal council on environmental management for the use or development or measures to avoid or minimise adverse environmental impacts, that includes:
  - A summary of key construction methodologies.
  - An overarching framework of measures to reduce and manage environmental and amenity effects during construction.
  - A summary of performance monitoring and reporting processes, including any auditing, to ensure environmental and amenity impacts are reduced and managed during construction.
  - A plan for engagement with each relevant municipal council, the community and other stakeholders during construction, including enquiries and complaints management.

The environmental management framework must be accompanied by a summary of the consultation with each relevant municipal council that informed the preparation of the environmental management framework.

- If the Minister for Planning has decided that an assessment under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* is not required for the proposed development and the decision is subject to conditions:
  - A report that details how each condition has been considered and addressed in the design, construction and operation of the proposed development.
  - A copy of any report, plan or other document required to be prepared under those conditions.
- Any other information the Minister for Planning considers necessary to assist the Minister’s assessment of the plans and documents required to be submitted under this clause.

The requirements of this clause:

- May be satisfied in separate components or stages of a project, but each requirement must be satisfied before the commencement of the use and development for that component or stage.
- May be varied or waived by the Minister.

The plans and other documents required by this clause may be amended to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.

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### Native vegetation requirements

In this clause:

- **Guidelines** means the *Guidelines for removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, December 2017);
- **levy area** has the same meaning as in the *Melbourne Strategic Assessment (Environment Mitigation Levy) Act 2020*;
- **Secretary** means the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (as constituted under Part 2 of the *Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987*).

Before the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation outside the levy area to enable a preparatory use or development, information about that native vegetation in accordance with application requirements 1, 5, 9, 10 and 11 in Tables 4 and 5 to the Guidelines must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Before the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation outside the levy area (other than to enable a preparatory use or development):

- Information about the native vegetation in accordance with application requirements 1, 5, 9, 10, and 11 in Tables 4 and 5 of the Guidelines must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

- The biodiversity impacts from the removal, destruction or lopping of that native vegetation must be offset in accordance with the Guidelines to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The biodiversity impacts from the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation outside the levy area to enable a preparatory use or development must be included in the total biodiversity impacts when determining the offset to the satisfaction of the Secretary.
- Evidence that the required offset has been secured must be provided to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

The timing of the offset requirement may be varied by the Secretary. The secured offset for a project may be reconciled at the completion of a project to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Before the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation inside the levy area, information about the native vegetation in accordance with the application requirements 1, 5, 10 and 11 in Tables 4 and 5 of the Guidelines must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

The requirements of this clause may be satisfied in separate components or stages of a development, but each requirement must be satisfied before the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation for that component or stage.

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### Preparatory use and development

For the purposes of clause 52.36, a preparatory use or development is a use or development required to prepare for the construction of a project or a component or stage of a project. It is limited to the following:

- Use and development that would not require a permit under a provision of this planning scheme but for the exemption in clause 52.36-3.
- Works associated with investigating, testing and surveying land.
- Creation and use of construction access points, accessways and working platforms.
- Site establishment works including construction of temporary site fencing and hoarding, site offices, and hardstand and laydown areas.
- Construction and use of temporary car parking.
- Construction or installation of environment and traffic controls, including designated 'no-go' zones.
- Construction, protection, modification, removal or relocation of utility services, rail signalling, overhead and associated infrastructure.
- Salvage and relocation of cultural heritage material and other management actions required to be carried out in compliance with:
  - a cultural heritage management plan prepared and/or approved under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* or otherwise in compliance with that Act; or
  - the conditions of any permit or consent granted under the *Heritage Act 2017* or otherwise in compliance with that Act.
- Demolition or removal of a building (other than a building in a Heritage Overlay) or works to the minimum extent necessary to enable another preparatory use or development.
- Removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation (other than a tree in the Heritage Overlay specified below) to the minimum extent necessary to enable another preparatory use or development.

For the purposes of clause 52.36, preparatory development does not include:

- Demolition or removal of a building in a Heritage Overlay.
- Removal, destruction or lopping of a tree in a Heritage Overlay if the schedule to the overlay specifies the heritage place as one where tree controls apply.