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GENERAL TERMS

The following table lists general terms which may be used in this planning scheme. A term listed in the first column, under the heading "General term", has the meaning set out beside that term in the second column, under the heading "Definition".

General term	Definition
Act	The *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
Agricultural production	Any form of primary production of renewable commodities. It does not include extractive industry, Mineral extraction, or timber production from native forest.
Anemometer	A wind measuring device.
Apartment	A dwelling located above the ceiling level or below the floor level of another dwelling and is part of a building containing two or more dwellings.
Approval date	The date this scheme began, or the date of notice in the Victoria Government Gazette of approval of an amendment to this scheme.
Basement	A storey below ground level, or that projects no more than 1.2 metres above ground level.
Building height	The vertical distance from natural ground level to the roof or parapet at any point.
Building Regulations	The *Building Regulations 2018*.
Bushfire	An unplanned fire in vegetation. This includes fire in grasslands.
Bushfire prone area	An area that is designated bushfire prone as determined under section 192A of the *Building Act 1993*.
Bushfire prone area map	The map prepared under section 192A of the *Building Act 1993* describing all areas that are designated from time to time as bushfire prone areas by any determination, under that section.
Carriageway	The area of a street reserve which is provided for the movement or parking of vehicles. It is determined by the invert of a kerb and channel and the point adjacent to the pavement edge for kerb (only) and edge strips.
Central Highlands region	The area covered by the Ararat, Ballarat, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Moorabool and Pyrenees planning schemes.
Clear to the sky	An unroofed area or area roofed with material that transmits 90 per cent of light.
Defendable space	An area of land around a building where vegetation is modified and managed to reduce the effects of flame contact and radiant heat associated with bushfire.
Deflection angle	The angle between two tangent sections of a carriageway.
Deep soil	Soil at ground level that supports plant growth and is not encroached by a building above or below ground level. Grass, lawn, turf, shrubs, trees and the like may be growing or planted in the soil.
Design speed	The speed fixed for the design and correlation of the geometric features of a carriageway that influence vehicle operation. It is the speed which is not exceeded by 85 per cent of vehicles.

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Domestic services normal to a dwelling or small second dwelling	A domestic appliance or apparatus that is normal to and services a dwelling or small second dwelling. It includes disabled access ramps and handrails, an air conditioner, cooling or heating system, a hot water service, security systems and cameras, shade sails, a barbeque, downpipes and flues, a skylight, security screens, and the like.
Earthworks	Land forming, laser grading, levee banks, raised access roads and tracks, building pads, storage embankments, channel banks and drain banks and associated structures.
Employment and innovation areas	Dandenong, Fishermans Bend, La Trobe, Monash, Parkville, Sunshine and Werribee.
Flood-prone area	An area that is designated flood-prone as determined under section 188B of the *Building Act 1993*.
Flood-prone area map	The map prepared under section 188B of the *Building Act 1993* describing all areas that are designated from time to time as flood-prone areas by any determination, under that section.
Frontage	The road alignment at the front of a lot. If a lot abuts two or more roads, the one to which the building, or proposed building, faces.
Gaming	The playing of a gaming machine.
Gaming machine	Has the same meaning as it has in the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003.*
Garden area	Any area on a lot that does not include: a) a dwelling, small second dwelling or residential building, except for: ▪ an eave, fascia or gutter that does not exceed a total width of 600mm; ▪ a pergola; ▪ an unroofed terrace, patio, deck, step or landing less than 800mm in height; ▪ a basement that does not project above ground level; ▪ an outbuilding that does not exceed a gross floor area of 10 square metres; and ▪ a domestic service normal to a dwelling, small second dwelling or residential building; b) a covered driveway; or c) a covered area set aside for car parking. An eave, fascia or gutter that does not exceed a total width of 600mm may encroach into an uncovered driveway or uncovered area set aside for car parking.
Geelong G21 region	The area covered by the Colac Otway, Golden Plains, Greater Geelong, Queenscliffe and Surf Coast planning schemes.
Gippsland region	The area covered by the Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland and Wellington planning schemes.
Great South Coast region	The area covered by the Corangamite, Glenelg, Moyne, Southern Grampians and Warrnambool planning schemes

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Gross floor area	The total floor area of a building, measured from the outside of external walls or the centre of party walls, and includes all roofed areas.
Ground level	The natural level of a site at any point.
Habitable room	Any room of a dwelling, small second dwelling or residential building other than a bathroom, laundry, toilet, pantry, walk-in wardrobe, corridor, stair, lobby, photographic darkroom, clothes drying room and other space of a specialised nature occupied neither frequently nor for extended periods.
High quality productive agricultural land	Land which is used for animal husbandry or crop raising, and is capable of continuing to sustain agricultural production, and: a) is of prime, or very good, agricultural quality, having regard to soil type, growing season, and availability of infrastructure, and is of sufficient extent to support agricultural activities on an economically viable scale; or b) has been identified through a regional, sub-regional, or local study as being of particularly good quality and strategic significance for agriculture in the regional or local context.
Hume region	The area covered by the Alpine, Benalla, Greater Shepparton, Indigo, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta and Wodonga planning schemes.
Land capability assessment	The assessment of the physical ability of the land to sustain specific uses having regard to its management, and without long term on-site detriment to the environment.
Leasable floor area	That part of the net floor area able to be leased. It does not include public or common tenancy areas, such as malls, verandahs, or public conveniences.
Loddon Mallee North region	The area covered by the Buloke, Campaspe, Gannawarra, Mildura and Swan Hill planning schemes.
Loddon Mallee South region	The area covered by the Central Goldfields, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander planning schemes.
Lot	A part (consisting of one or more pieces) of any land (except a road, a reserve, or common property) shown on a plan, which can be disposed of separately and includes a unit or accessory unit on a registered plan of strata subdivision and a lot or accessory lot on a registered cluster plan.
Mean building height	The vertical distance between the mean ground level and the finished roof height at its highest point.
Mean ground level	One half the sum of the highest and lowest levels along ground level of the outer surface of all external building walls.
Metropolitan activity centres	Box Hill (Suburban Rail Loop East Precinct), Broadmeadows, Cloverton (future), Cobblebank (future), Dandenong, Epping, Footscray, Fountain Gate-Narre Warren, Frankston, Ringwood and Sunshine.
Metropolitan Melbourne	The area covered by the Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Brimbank, Cardinia, Casey, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Knox, Manningham, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Melton, Merri-bek, Monash, Moonee Valley, Mornington Peninsula, Nillumbik,

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	Port of Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse, Whittlesea, Wyndham, Yarra and Yarra Ranges Planning Schemes and the area within the urban growth boundary in the Mitchell Planning Scheme.
Mineral	Any substance which occurs naturally as part of the earth's crust, including: a) oil shale and coal; and b) hydrocarbons and mineral oils contained in oil shale or coal, or extracted from oil shale or coal by chemical or industrial processes. It does not include water, stone, or petroleum.
Minister for Planning	A Minister for the time being administering the Act.
Movable building	A structure, other than a tent, caravan, or vehicle, which is designed to be moved from place to place on more than one occasion.
Native vegetation	Plants that are indigenous to Victoria, including trees, shrubs, herbs, and grasses.
Net floor area	The total floor area of all floors of all buildings on a site. It includes half the width of any party wall and the full width of all other walls. It does not include the area of stairs, loading bays, accessways, or car parking areas, or any area occupied by machinery required for air conditioning, heating, power supply, or lifts.
Plot ratio	The gross floor area of all buildings on a site, divided by the area of the site.
Potentially contaminated land	Land: a) used or known to have been used for industry or mining; b) used or known to have been used for the storage of chemicals, gas, waste or liquid fuel (other than minor above-ground storage that is ancillary to another use of the land); or c) where a known past or present activity or event (occurring on or off the land) may have cause contamination of the land.
Priority precincts	Arden, Docklands, East Werribee, Fishermans Bend, Footscray, La Trobe, Parkville, Richmond to Flinders, and Sunshine, and the SRL East Precincts at Box Hill, Burwood, Clayton, Cheltenham, Glen Waverley and Monash.
Private open space	An outdoor area of a dwelling, small second dwelling or residential building or land for the exclusive use of the occupants.
Property vegetation plan	A plan which relates to the management of native vegetation within a property, and which is contained within an agreement made pursuant to section 69 of the *Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987*.
Public land manager	The Minister, government department, public authority or municipal council having responsibility for the care or management of public land. In relation to Crown land reserved under an Act and managed or controlled by a committee of management, other than Parks Victoria, the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority or a municipal council, it means the Minister administering that Act and does not include the committee of management.
Radio mast	A mast, for radio transmission or reception in a dwelling or small second dwelling, that is: a) with antenna, more than 14 metres above the ground;

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	b) if attached to a building, with antenna, more than 5 metres above the roof line; c) including antenna, wider than 6 metres; or d) excluding antenna, wider than 50 centimetres at any point exceeding 3 metres above the ground.
Retail	The sale of goods or materials, in any quantity or manner, other than by wholesale.
Secluded private open space	That part of private open space primarily intended for outdoor living activities which enjoys a reasonable amount of privacy.
Setback	The minimum distance from any allotment boundary to a building.
Site coverage	The proportion of a site covered by buildings.
Stone	Basalt, freestone, granite, limestone, sandstone, or other building stone, or rock, ordinarily used for building, manufacturing, road making, or construction; or clay (not fine clay, bentonite, or kaolin), earth, gravel, quartz (not quartz crystals), sand, soil, slate, or other similar material.
Storey	That part of a building between floor levels. If there is no floor above, it is the part between the floor level and ceiling. It may include an attic, basement, built over car parking area, and mezzanine.
Stormwater	The net increase in run-off from urban development due to water not being able to seep into the ground because of impervious surfaces, such as roofs and roads.
Street leg length	The distance between street intersections or junctions, or points and locations where vehicles must slow down, usually to a maximum speed of 20 kilometres per hour.
Street reserve	Land set aside for a street pavement and verge.
Sustainable agriculture	The use of farming practices and systems which maintain or enhance: a) the economic viability of agricultural production; b) the natural resource base; and c) other ecosystems which are influenced by agricultural activities.
Telecommunications line	A wire, cable, optic fibre, tube, conduit, waveguide or other physical medium used, or to be used, as a continuous artificial guide for or in connection with carrying communications by means of guided electromagnetic energy.
Telecommunications network	A system or series of systems that carries, or is capable of carrying, communications by means of guided and unguided electromagnetic energy.
Telecommunications tower	A free-standing tower, pole or mast used as part of a telecommunications network that is not mounted on, or affixed to, any other structure.
Tenement	Land comprised in: a) a lot which does not adjoin another lot in the same ownership; or b) lots in the same ownership and which adjoin each other.

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	Lots are considered to adjoin each other if they are separated only by a stream, stream reserve, or unmade or unused government road or rail reserve.
Transport manager	(a) a Minister; or (b) government department; or (c) Administrative Office under the *Public Administration Act 2004*; or (d) public authority; or (e) any person - that has responsibility under an Act for the care or management of land that forms part of Victoria's transport system.
Transport system	All of the components that make up the system for the movement and transport of people and goods including: ▪ Movement networks including cycling paths, footpaths, roads, railways, shipping lanes, tramways and water transport routes. ▪ Transport interchanges for accessing, disembarking, unloading and interchange of people and goods, and for the storage of freight and vehicles. This includes transport terminals and public transport stops. ▪ Infrastructure required to operate movement networks and transport interchanges. ▪ Land reserved for the future development of movement networks and transport interchanges.
Utility service provider	A person, other than a public authority or municipal council, having responsibility under an Act for the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity, gas, power, telecommunications, water supply, drainage or sewerage services.
Verge	The part of the street reserve between the carriageway and the boundary of adjacent lots or other limit to the street reserve. It may accommodate public utilities, a footpath, indented parking, stormwater flows, street lighting poles and planting.
Wall height	The vertical distance between the top of the eaves at the wall line, parapet or flat roof (not including a chimney), whichever is the highest, and the natural ground level.
Wholesale	The sale of goods or materials, to be sold by others.
Wimmera Southern Mallee region	The area covered by the Hindmarsh, Horsham, Northern Grampians, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack planning schemes.