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HOUSING

Residential development for single dwellings

Objective
To encourage:

- Subdivisions in locations with access to physical and community infrastructure and providing a range of lot sizes, a convenient and safe road network, appropriate pedestrian and cycle paths, sufficient useable public open space and low vulnerability to fire.
- Residential development that is cost-effective in infrastructure provision and use, energy efficient, incorporates water-sensitive design principles and encourages public transport use.
- Opportunities for increased residential densities to help consolidate urban areas.

General implementation
Maximum use should be made of Clause 56 to plan subdivisions for development of single houses.

Medium density housing

Objective
To encourage the development of well-designed medium-density housing which:

- Respects the neighbourhood character.
- Improves housing choice.
- Makes better use of existing infrastructure.
- Improves energy efficiency of housing.

General implementation
Responsible authorities should use Clause 54 and Clause 55 in considering applications for medium-density housing.

Rural living and rural residential development

Objective
To identify land suitable for rural living and rural residential development.

General implementation
Minister’s Direction No 6, Rural Residential Development applies to the preparation of planning scheme amendments to allow rural residential development.
Land should only be zoned for rural living or rural residential development where it:

- Is located close to existing towns and urban centres, but not in areas that will be required for fully serviced urban development.
- Can be supplied with electricity and water and good quality road access.

Land should not be zoned for rural living or rural residential development if it will encroach on high quality productive agricultural land or adversely impact on waterways or other natural resources.

Planning authorities and responsible authorities, in considering proposed residential development in the vicinity of:

- Cattle feedlots, should have regard to the Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots (Department of Agriculture, Energy and Minerals, 1995).
- Broiler farms, should have regard to the Victorian Code for Broiler Farms, September 2001.

**16.04 Crisis accommodation and community care units**

**Objective**

To encourage the establishment of crisis accommodation and community care units in residential areas and to ensure that their location is kept confidential.

**16.04-2 General implementation**

Planning schemes must not require a planning permit for or prohibit the use of a dwelling of up to 10 habitable rooms in a residential area as shared housing or crisis accommodation.

Planning schemes must not identify the site of a community care unit or a dwelling used for crisis accommodation as having that use.

Planning schemes must not require a permit for or prohibit the use of buildings for community care units (with accommodation for no more than 20 clients plus supervisory staff) in areas used mainly for housing.

**16.05 Affordable housing**

**Objective**

To deliver more affordable housing closer to jobs, transport and services.

**16.05-2 Strategies**

Improve housing affordability by:

- Ensuring land supply continues to be sufficient to meet demand.
- Increasing choice in housing type, tenure and cost to meet the needs of households as they move through life cycle changes and to support diverse communities.
- Promoting good housing and urban design to minimise negative environmental impacts and keep down costs for residents and the wider community.

Increase the supply of well-located affordable housing by:
- Encouraging a significant proportion of new development, including development at activity centres and strategic redevelopment sites, to be affordable for households on low to moderate incomes.
- Facilitating a mix of private, affordable and social housing in activity centres, strategic redevelopment sites and Transit Cities projects.
- Ensuring the redevelopment and renewal of public housing stock better meets community needs.