URBAN FLOODWAY ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **UFZ**.

**Purpose**

To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

To identify waterways, major floodpaths, drainage depressions and high hazard areas within urban areas which have the greatest risk and frequency of being affected by flooding.

To ensure that any development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwater, minimises flood damage and is compatible with flood hazard, local drainage conditions and the minimisation of soil erosion, sedimentation and silting.

To reflect any declarations under Division 4 of Part 10 of the Water Act, 1989.

To protect water quality and waterways as natural resources in accordance with the provisions of relevant State Environment Protection Policies, and particularly in accordance with Clauses 33 and 35 of the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria).

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**Section 3 - Prohibited**

**USE**

- Indoor recreation facility
- Motor racing track
- Any other use not in Section 1 or 2

### Buildings and Works

A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works, including:

- A fence.
- Roadworks.
- Bicycle pathways and trails.
- Public toilets.
- A domestic swimming pool or spa and associated mechanical and safety equipment if associated with one dwelling on a lot.
- A pergola or verandah, including an open-sided pergola or verandah to a dwelling with a finished floor level not more than 800mm above ground level and a maximum building height of 3 metres above ground level.
- A deck, including a deck to a dwelling with a finished floor level not more than 800mm above ground level.
- A non-domestic disabled access ramp.

This does not apply to:

- Flood mitigation works carried out by the responsible authority or floodplain management authority.
- The following works in accordance with plans prepared to the satisfaction of the responsible authority:
  - The laying of underground sewerage, water and gas mains, oil pipelines, underground telephone lines and underground power lines provided they do not alter the topography of the land.
  - The erection of telephone or power lines provided they do not involve the construction of towers or poles.
- Post and wire and post and rail fencing.

### Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land. A permit may only be granted to subdivide land if the following apply:

- The subdivision does not create any new lots, which are entirely within this zone. This does not apply if the subdivision creates a lot, which by agreement between the owner and the relevant floodplain management authority, is to be transferred to an authority for a public purpose.
The subdivision is the resubdivision of existing lots and the number of lots is not increased, unless a local floodplain development plan incorporated into this scheme specifically provides otherwise.

37.03-4 Application requirements

Local floodplain development plan

If a local floodplain development plan has been developed for the area and has been incorporated into this scheme, an application must be consistent with the plan.

Flood risk report

If a local floodplain development plan for the area has not been incorporated into this scheme, an application must be accompanied by a flood risk report to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The flood risk report must consider the following, where applicable:

- The existing use and development of the land.
- Whether the proposed use or development could be located on flood-free land or land with a lesser flood hazard outside this zone.
- The susceptibility of the development to flooding and flood damage.
- The potential flood risk to life, health and safety associated with the development. Flood risk factors to consider include:
  - The frequency, duration, extent, depth and velocity of flooding of the site and accessway.
  - The flood warning time available.
  - The danger to the occupants of the development, other floodplain residents and emergency personnel if the site or accessway is flooded.
- The effect of the development on redirecting or obstructing floodwater, stormwater or drainage water and the effect of the development on reducing flood storage and increasing flood levels and flow velocities.
- The effects of the development on environmental values such as natural habitat, stream stability, erosion, water quality and sites of scientific significance.

37.03-5 Referral of applications

An application must be referred to the relevant floodplain management authority under Section 55 of the Act unless in the opinion of the responsible authority the proposal satisfies requirements or conditions previously agreed in writing between the responsible authority and the floodplain management authority.

37.03-6 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- The local floodplain development plan or flood risk report.
- Any comments of the relevant floodplain management authority.
37.03-7  Advertising signs

Advertising sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 4 unless a schedule to this zone specifies a different category.

Notes: Refer to the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement, for strategies and policies which may affect the use and development of land.

Check whether an overlay also applies to the land.

Other requirements may also apply. These can be found at Particular Provisions.