PUBLIC ACQUISITION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as PAO with a number.

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 land which is proposed to be acquired by a public authority.

To reserve land for a public purpose and to ensure that changes to the use or development of the land do not prejudice the purpose for which the land is to be acquired.

Permit required

A permit is required to:

- Use land for any Section 1 or Section 2 use in the zone.
- Construct a building or construct or carry out works.
- Damage, demolish or remove a building or works.
- Damage, remove, destroy or lop any vegetation. This does not apply:
  - If the vegetation has been planted for pasture, timber production or any other crop.
  - To any action which is necessary to keep the whole or any part of a tree clear of an electric line provided the action is carried out in accordance with a code of practice prepared under Section 86 of the Electricity Safety Act 1998.
  - If the vegetation presents an immediate risk of personal injury or damage to property.
- Subdivide land.

This does not apply:

- To a public authority responsible for acquiring the land if the land has been acquired and any of the above matters for which a permit is required is consistent with the purpose for which the land was acquired.
- To a public authority or a municipal council if the responsible authority, after consulting with the public authority responsible for acquiring the land, is satisfied that any of the above matters for which a permit is required is consistent with the purpose for which the land is to be acquired.

Exemption from notice and review

An application under this overlay is exempt from the notice requirements of Section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of Section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of Section 82(1) of the Act.

Referral of applications

An application must be referred under Section 55 of the Act to the authority responsible for acquiring the land.
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 effect of the proposed use or development on the purpose for which the land is to be acquired as specified in the schedule to this overlay.

A permit granted under this clause may be conditional on:

- The extent of alterations and extensions to an existing building and works, and the materials that may be used.
- The location, dimensions, design and material or a new building or works.
- The demolition, removal or alteration of any buildings or works.
- The demolition or removal of buildings or works constructed or carried out in accordance with a permit under this clause.
- No compensation being payable for the demolition or removal of any buildings or works constructed under the permit.

Land not to be spoiled or wasted

Land must not be spoiled or wasted so as to adversely affect the use of the land for the purpose for which it is to be acquired.

Reservation for public purpose

Any land included in a Public Acquisition Overlay is reserved for a public purpose within the meaning of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 or any other act.

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 the requirements of the zone which applies to the land.

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