EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY POLICY

Where the policy applies

This policy applies to all land that:

- has a “Work Authority” for extractive industry under the Extractive Industries Act 1995;
- is within 500 metres of an approved extractive industry site; or
- is within Extractive Industry Interest Area.

Policy basis

The MSS recognises sites used for extractive industry and quarrying as having potential to generate a number of off-site effects that are incompatible with other uses, particularly housing. The maintenance of appropriate separation distances between these industries and other sensitive uses will help protect residential amenity and ensure that valuable extractive resources are not sterilised.

Policy objectives

- To recognise the significance of extractive resources and the need to protect those rehabilitated from sterilisation through the encroachment of sensitive uses.
- To maintain appropriate separation distance between current and potential future extractive industry and adjacent development if incompatible.
- To protect the amenity of nearby houses.
- To identify potential future uses of landfill sites and ensure that sites are rehabilitated to a standard that is suitable for future use.

Policy

It is policy that:

- Appropriate separation distances are maintained between current and potential extractive industry and landfill sites.
- Adjacent land is in a non urban zone.
- The conversion of land to urban uses including rural residential is discouraged
- Encourage non urban uses on land adjacent to these industries.
- Potential future uses of extractive and landfill sites be identified prior to the completion of filling operations and the sites are to a standard which is suitable for future use.
- Land used for intensive uses is of an appropriate size to minimise detriment to adjoining residents, wherever possible buffer distances be contained on site.
- The use not cause pollution to the air, watercourse or groundwater systems.
**22.13-4 Decision guidelines**

In considering applications for use and development, the responsible authority will consider the following guidelines:

- South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group ‘South Eastern Regional Waste Management Strategy’.

**22.13-5 Policy references**

- South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group Waste Management Plan (1999) South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group
- Extractive Industry Interest Areas: Melbourne Supply Area Geological Survey of Victoria, Technical Record (1996) Department of Natural Resources