

**52.15**18/12/2012  
VC93**HELIPORT AND HELICOPTER LANDING SITE****Purpose**

To ensure the amenity impacts of a heliport and a helicopter landing site on surrounding areas is considered.

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VC93**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to use or develop any land for a heliport or a helicopter landing site even if it is ancillary to another use on the land, unless the table to this Clause specifically states that a permit is not required.

**Table of exemptions for use**

**No permit is required to use land for a helicopter landing site if any of the following apply:**

<b>Emergency services</b>	The helicopter landing site is used by a helicopter engaged in the provision of emergency service operations.
<b>Agriculture</b>	The helicopter landing site is used by a helicopter engaged in agricultural activity in conjunction with the use of any land for agriculture.
<b>Public land management</b>	The helicopter landing site is used by a helicopter engaged in the provision of public land management activities conducted by or on behalf of the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Parks Victoria whether on private land or not.
<b>General</b>	<p>The helicopter landing site where either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The landing point is located more than 500 metres from a building used for a sensitive use (accommodation, child care centre, education centre and hospital) that is not associated with the helicopter operation and more than 200 metres from a shipping channel in the Port of Melbourne, provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of flight movements does not exceed eight in a 30 day period and four in a 24 hour period (for the purposes of this provision the take off and landing of a helicopter are separate flight movements).</li> <li>• Flight movements do not take place before 7am or after sunset on a weekday.</li> <li>• Flight movements do not take place before 8am or after sunset on a weekend or holiday; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The landing point is located more than 1000 metres from a building used for a sensitive use that is not associated with the helicopter operation and more than 200 metres from a shipping channel in the Port of Melbourne.</li> </ul>

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### Application requirements

An application to use or develop land for a heliport or a helicopter landing site must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- A site plan, including:
  - Site boundaries and dimensions.
  - The current land use.
  - The existing siting and layout of buildings and works.
  - The proposed siting and layout of buildings and works.
  - Existing vegetation and proposed vegetation removal.
  - Vehicle and pedestrian access.

An application to use land for a heliport or a helicopter landing site must be accompanied by the following information:

- A location plan, including:
  - The siting and use of buildings on adjacent properties.
  - The direction and distance to any building used for a sensitive use (accommodation, child care centre, education centre and hospital) that is not associated with the helicopter operation and is located within 500 metres of the proposed heliport or helicopter landing site.
- A written report which:
  - Demonstrates a suitable separation distance between the landing point of a heliport or helicopter landing site and any building used for a sensitive use that is not associated with the helicopter operation by either:
    - Locating the proposed heliport or helicopter landing site at least 150 metres for helicopters of less than 2 tonnes all-up weight, or 250 metres for helicopters of less than 15 tonnes all-up weight, or
    - Providing an acoustic report by a suitably qualified consultant.
  - Includes details of the proposed frequency of flight movements.
  - Includes the proposed hours of operation.

## 52.15- 3 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application to use land for a heliport or a helicopter landing site, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- Whether the proposal achieves a suitable separation distance from a nearby sensitive use, having regard to the Noise Control Guidelines (Environment Protection Authority, 2008).
- The effect of the proposal on nearby sensitive uses in terms of the proposed frequency of flight movements and hours of operation.