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TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

Purpose

To ensure that telecommunications infrastructure and services are provided in an efficient and cost effective manner to meet community needs.

To facilitate an effective statewide telecommunications network in a manner consistent with orderly and proper planning.

To encourage the provision of telecommunications facilities with minimal impact on the amenity of the area.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works for a Telecommunications facility. This does not apply to buildings and works for:

- A low-impact facility as described in the Telecommunications (Low-impact) Facilities Determination 1997 (Cth).
- The inspection and maintenance of a Telecommunications facility as defined in the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth).
- A facility authorised by a Facilities Installation Permit issued under the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth).
- A temporary defence facility.
- The connection of a building, structure, caravan or mobile home to a Telecommunications line forming part of a Telecommunications network.
- A Telecommunications facility that complies with the requirements of section 5 of *A Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities in Victoria, July 2004*.
- An activity authorised under clause 6(2) of Division 3 of Schedule 3 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth).
- An activity carried out by a body listed in sections 46 to 51 (inclusive) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth) pursuant to legislation applying to that body.

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Land in public ownership

An application affecting land in a public land zone must be accompanied by written confirmation from the public land manager that the public land manager consents generally or conditionally:

- To the application being made; or
- To the application being made and to the proposed development.

This requirement does not apply if the applicant is the public land manager.

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Exemption from notice and review

An application 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 unless:

- The Telecommunications facility is a radio communications dish greater than 1.2 metres in diameter; or
- The Telecommunications facility is a Telecommunications tower (other than a low-impact facility described in the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 1997 (Cth)); or

- The land is located in an Environmental Significance Overlay, a Vegetation Protection Overlay, a Significant Landscape Overlay, a Heritage Overlay, a Design and Development Overlay or an Erosion Management Overlay; or
- The land is public land not in a public land zone and the responsible authority is not the public land manager.

An application under any provision of this scheme to use or develop land for a Telecommunications facility 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 if the Telecommunications facility is funded, or partly funded, by:

- The Commonwealth through the Mobile Black Spot Program; or
- The State of Victoria.

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Application requirements

An application must be accompanied by the following information as appropriate to the proposal and the location:

- A site analysis and design response explaining how the proposed facility addresses the principles for the design, siting, construction and operation of telecommunications facilities and the requirements in *A Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities in Victoria, July 2004*.
- Site boundaries and dimensions.
- The purpose and location of all buildings and works required in the construction of the facility.
- The location of all existing buildings and works to be retained and demolished.
- The location of all proposed buildings and works including dimensions, elevations, materials, colours and finishes.
- The location and use of all buildings on adjoining properties.
- The location of all adjoining streets and access ways.
- Australian Height Datum levels.
- Natural drainage lines, watercourses, coastal dunes, beach systems and wetlands.
- Proposals for the rehabilitation of the land on which development is to occur.
- Roads and parking areas.
- Materials, landscaping, external lighting, colour and reflectivity.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The principles for the design, siting, construction and operation of a Telecommunications facility set out in *A Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities in Victoria, July 2004*.
- The effect of the proposal on adjacent land.
- If the Telecommunications facility is located in an Environmental Significance Overlay, a Vegetation Protection Overlay, a Significant Landscape Overlay, a Heritage Overlay, a Design and Development Overlay or an Erosion Management Overlay, the decision guidelines in those overlays and the schedules to those overlays.