

SCHEDULE 25 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO25**

PORT PHILLIP COASTAL AREA**1.0 Statement of environmental significance**

The Port Phillip coastal area and adjoining offshore areas contain some of Victoria's most significant cultural and natural features, including sites of ecological, archaeological, geological, geomorphological, aesthetic and cultural heritage value. These places are of cultural, scientific and educational value to current and future generations.

2.0 Environmental objectives to be achieved

- To protect and enhance the natural features, vegetation, ecological diversity, landscape quality, heritage values and recreation opportunities of the Port Phillip Bay coastal area and associated intertidal and marine habitats.
- To promote excellence in design of buildings, facilities and structures in the coastal area.
- To promote coordinated management of the Port Phillip coastal area.

3.0 Permit requirement

A permit is required to construct fencing.

A permit is not required for:

The removal of vegetation in the ordinary course of the management of established parks or gardens or in the course of the repair or maintenance of any other works including fire breaks.

Works for the establishment, maintenance, repair or removal of signs or other structures necessary for the safety or protection of the public including traffic management devices, survey marks and beacons, navigation aids, safety fences or railings.

Any structure, works or use for which consent has been granted under the Port Phillip Coastal Planning and Management Act 1966 since 16 February 1986.

A minor public utility installation or litter receptacles.

Development carried out by or on behalf of Melbourne Parks and Waterways or Parks Victoria under the relevant provisions of the Water Industry Act 1994, the Water Act 1989, the Marine Act 1968, the Port of Melbourne Authority Act 1958, the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 or the Parks Victoria Act 1998.

Every application involving land within or abutting a Public Park and Recreation Zone or Public Conservation and Resource Zone must be referred to the Secretary to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Parks Victoria under Section 55 of the Act.

4.0 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The environmental objectives of this schedule.
- The existing use and development of the land.
- The degree to which the proposed development is dependent on a coastal location.
- The ability to reduce the number of buildings and other structures by combined use or reuse of existing buildings.
- The appropriateness of a condition requiring the relocation or removal of inappropriate structures as part of an application.
- Whether any proposed structure or works, including the planting or removal of vegetation, is likely to cause any deterioration of the Port Phillip Coastal Area by virtue of erosion or the deposition of sand or silt or any other reason.
- The Victorian Coastal Strategy, Siting and Design Guidelines for Structures on the Victorian Coast (May 1998) and Landscape Setting Types for the Victorian Coast (May 1998).