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RURAL ACTIVITY ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **RAZ** 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 provide for the use of land for agriculture.

To provide for other uses and development, in appropriate locations, which are compatible with agriculture and the environmental and landscape characteristics of the area.

To ensure that use and development does not adversely affect surrounding land uses.

To provide for the use and development of land for the specific purposes identified in a schedule to this zone.

To protect and enhance natural resources and the biodiversity of the area.

To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.

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Table of uses

Section 1 - Permit not required

Use	Condition
Agriculture (other than Animal keeping, Apiculture, Intensive animal husbandry, Rice growing and Timber production)	
Animal keeping (other than Animal boarding)	Must be no more than 5 animals.
Bed and breakfast	No more than 6 persons may be accommodated away from their normal place of residence. At least 1 car parking space must be provided for each 2 persons able to be accommodated away from their normal place of residence.
Cattle feedlot	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.26. The total number of cattle to be housed in the cattle feedlot must be 1000 or less. The site must be located outside a special water supply catchment under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994. The site must be located outside a catchment area listed in Appendix 2 of the Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots - August 1995.
Dependent person's unit	Must be the only dependent person's unit on the lot. Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.08-2.

Use	Condition
Home occupation	
Informal outdoor recreation	
Minor utility installation	
Railway	
Timber production	<p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.18.</p> <p>The plantation area must not exceed any area specified in a schedule to this zone. Any area specified must be at least 40 hectares.</p> <p>The total plantation area (existing and proposed) on contiguous land which was in the same ownership on or after 28 October 1993 must not exceed any scheduled area.</p> <p>The plantation must not be within 100 metres of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any dwelling in separate ownership. ▪ Any land zoned for residential, business or industrial use. ▪ Any site specified on a permit which is in force which permits a dwelling to be constructed. <p>The plantation must not be within 20 metres of a powerline whether on private or public land, except with the consent of the relevant electricity supply or distribution authority.</p>
Tramway	
Any use listed in Clause 62.01	Must meet the requirements of Clause 62.01,

Section 2 - Permit required

USE	CONDITION
Animal boarding	
Backpackers' lodge	
Broiler farm	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.31.
Camping and caravan park	
Cattle feedlot - if the Section 1 condition is not met	<p>Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.26.</p> <p>The site must be located outside a catchment area listed in Appendix 2 of the Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots - August 1995.</p>
Community market	
Convenience shop	The site must not have direct access to a rural freeway.
Dependent person's unit - if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.08-2.
Dwelling (other than Bed and breakfast)	
Equestrian supplies	
Freeway service centre	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.30.

USE	CONDITION
Group accommodation	
Host farm	
Hotel	
Intensive animal husbandry (other than Broiler farm and Cattle feedlot)	
Landscape gardening supplies	
Leisure and recreation (other than Informal outdoor recreation)	
Manufacturing sales	
Place of assembly (other than Amusement parlour, Carnival, Circus, and Nightclub)	
Primary produce sales	
Residential hotel	
Restaurant	
Rice growing	
Rural industry	
Service station	The site must not have direct access to a rural freeway.
Store	
Tavern	
Timber production - if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.18.
Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility)	
Winery	
Any other use not in Section 1 or 3	

Section 3 - Prohibited

Use
Accommodation (other than Backpackers' lodge, Camping and caravan park, Dependent person's unit, Dwelling, Group accommodation, Host farm, and Residential hotel)
Amusement parlour
Brothel
Child care centre
Cinema based entertainment facility
Industry (other than Rural industry)
Nightclub
Office
Retail premises (other than Community market, Convenience shop, Equestrian supplies, Hotel, Landscape gardening supplies, Manufacturing sales, Primary produce sales, Restaurant and Tavern)
Transport terminal

Warehouse (other than Store)

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Use of land for a dwelling

A lot used for a dwelling must meet the following requirements:

- Access to the dwelling must be provided via an all-weather road with dimensions adequate to accommodate emergency vehicles.
- The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated sewerage system or if not available, the waste water must be treated and retained on-site in accordance with the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria) under the Environment Protection Act 1970.
- The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated potable water supply or have an alternative potable water supply with adequate storage for domestic use as well as for fire fighting purposes.
- The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated electricity supply or have an alternative energy source.

These requirements also apply to a dependent person's unit.

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Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land.

Each lot must be at least the area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone.

A permit may be granted to create smaller lots if any of the following apply:

- The subdivision is to create a lot for an existing dwelling. The subdivision must be a two lot subdivision and one lot must be at least the area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone. An agreement under Section 173 of the Act must be entered into with the owner of each lot created which ensures that the land must not be further subdivided so as to create a smaller lot for an existing dwelling. The agreement must be registered on title.
- The subdivision is the re-subdivision of existing lots and the number of lots is not increased. An agreement under Section 173 of the Act must be entered into with the owner of each lot created which ensures that the land may not be further subdivided so as to increase the number of lots. The agreement must be registered on title.
- The number of lots is no more than the number the land could be subdivided into in accordance with a schedule to this zone. At least one lot must be at least the area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone. An agreement under Section 173 of the Act must be entered into with the owner of each lot created which ensures that the land may not be further subdivided so as to increase the number of lots, unless creating a lot for an existing dwelling. The agreement must be registered on title.
- The subdivision is by a public authority or utility service provider to create a lot for a utility installation.

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Buildings and works

A permit is required to construct or carry out any of the following:

- A building or works associated with a use in Section 2 of Clause 35.08-1. This does not apply to:

- An alteration or extension to an existing dwelling provided the floor area of the alteration or extension is not more than the area specified in a schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 50 square metres. Any area specified must be more than 50 square metres.
- An out-building associated with an existing dwelling provided the floor area of the out-building is not more than the area specified in a schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 50 square metres. Any area specified must be more than 50 square metres.
- An alteration or extension to an existing building used for agriculture provided the floor area of the alteration or extension is not more than the area specified in the schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 100 square metres. Any area specified must be more than 100 square metres. The building must not be used to keep, board, breed or train animals.
- A rainwater tank.
- Earthworks specified in a schedule to this zone, if on land specified in a schedule.
- A building which is within any of the following setbacks:
 - The setback from a Road Zone Category 1 or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a road, Category 1 specified in a schedule to this zone or, if no setback is specified, 50 metres.
 - The setback from any other road or boundary specified in a schedule to this zone.
 - The setback from a dwelling not in the same ownership specified in a schedule to this zone.
 - 100 metres from a waterway, wetlands or designated flood plain.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application to use or subdivide land, construct a building or construct or carry out works, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

General issues

- The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- Any Regional Catchment Strategy and associated plan applying to the land.
- The capability of the land to accommodate the proposed use or development, including the disposal of effluent.
- How the use or development relates to sustainable land management.
- Whether the site is suitable for the use and development and whether the proposal is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.

Agricultural issues

- Whether the use or development will support and enhance agricultural production.
- The potential for the use or development to limit the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.
- The capacity of the site to sustain the agricultural use.

- The agricultural qualities of the land, such as soil quality, access to water and access to rural infrastructure.
- Any integrated land management plan prepared for the site.

Dwelling issues

- Whether the dwelling will result in the loss or fragmentation of productive agricultural land.
- Whether the dwelling will be adversely affected by agricultural activities on adjacent and nearby land due to dust, noise, odour, use of chemicals and farm machinery, traffic and hours of operation.
- Whether the dwelling will adversely affect the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.

Environmental issues

- The impact of the proposal on the natural physical features and resources of the area, in particular on soil and water quality.
- The impact of the use or development on the flora, fauna and landscape features of the locality.
- The need to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area, including the retention of vegetation and faunal habitat and the need to revegetate land including riparian buffers along waterways, gullies, ridgelines, property boundaries and saline discharge and recharge area.
- The location of on-site effluent disposal areas to minimise the impact of nutrient loads on waterways and native vegetation.

Design and siting issues

- The impact of the siting, design, height, bulk, colours and materials to be used, on the natural environment, major roads, vistas and water features and the measures to be undertaken to minimise any adverse impacts.
- The impact on the character and appearance of the area or features of architectural, historic or scientific significance or of natural scenic beauty or importance.
- The location and design of existing and proposed infrastructure including roads, gas, water, drainage, telecommunications and sewerage facilities.
- Whether the use or development will require traffic management measures.

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Advertising signs

Advertising sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 3.

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 whether an overlay also applies to the land.

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