21.09 INFRASTRUCTURE

21.09-1 Community services and facilities overview

French Island has limited community services and facilities, including a general store and post office, a primary school, the Parks Victoria office, a public hall, sports ground, cemetery, a jetty, a radio link to the mainland for telecommunication and a small community tip.

Key issues

- Maintaining a sense of community through the provision of a limited number of community facilities on the Island.

21.09-2 Objective

To retain community services and facilities that meet the needs of the community.

21.09-3 Strategies

1. Support the development and redevelopment of flexible community facilities that respond to changing needs and uses of the community.
2. Ensure that community or education facilities associated with new development are accessible to the community.
3. Support and encourage the provision of community services and facilities commensurate with the size of the population.
4. Consider demographic trends and existing and future demand requirements when planning for community services and facilities.
5. Ensure adjoining roads/accessways are designed to encourage safe access to community facilities.

21.09-4 Local infrastructure overview

Other than roads, the Island’s infrastructure is limited to a radio link to the mainland for telephone services. There is no reticulated service for electricity, gas, water or sewage. Electricity is provided by generators (diesel, solar or wind) and domestic water is provided from rainfall or bores.

Key issues

- Managing the limited infrastructure in an environmentally sustainable manner.
- Recognising that the limited infrastructure restricts the development opportunities on the Island.

21.09-5 Objective

To ensure that development is designed in accordance with the Island’s infrastructure capabilities.

21.09-6 Strategies

1. Support development in accordance with the capabilities of the land.
2. Require a waste management plan to be submitted with any development.
3. Require development to be self-sufficient in the provision of a sustainable water and electricity supply and on-site waste water treatment.
4. For telecommunication proposals, ensure planning decisions balance the need to provide important telecommunications services with the need to protect the environment from adverse impacts arising from telecommunication infrastructure.

5. For telecommunication proposals, ensure planning decisions reflect the national implications of a telecommunications network and the need for consistency in infrastructure design and placement.

21.09-7 Implementation

The objectives, strategies and policy guidelines arising from this Clause are implemented through the application of appropriate zones and overlays in Clause 74.01.