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MONITORING AND REVIEW

Council is required to review its Municipal Strategic Statement every three years, pursuant to Section 12A (3) of the Planning and Environment Act. The review of the MSS and other local provisions will be aided by the establishment of a performance monitoring process.

Horsham Shire Council will maintain a data base which details:

- number of applications received
- application type
- location of application
- time taken to process the application
- whether applications were approved, refused, and/or dealt with by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The collection of this information will be important in monitoring a number of key development issues in the municipality including:

- amount and location of residential and low density residential development
- amount and location of medium density development
- extent and location of commercial activity
- applications for subdivision in the Farming Zone
- development activity on the Wimmera River floodplain
- extent of native vegetation removal
- development activity in Natimuk
- tourist related developments around Mt Arapiles and the Grampians National Park

The assessment of the extent of residential and commercial development may need to be based on applications for building permits in addition to planning permits.

Monitoring of the planning scheme controls should give consideration to the use of local provisions in the assessment of applications, and the need to modify or introduce additional local provisions to accommodate certain types in applications, or applications in particular locations to achieve the desired outcomes.