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VC37**APPLICATION NOTIFICATION**

This policy applies to all land within the municipality that adjoins parks or conservation reserves, land known to have aboriginal heritage values and or land within 100 metres of water authority infrastructure.

Policy Basis

A number of statutory and non-statutory bodies have an interest in land use and development within the Shire.

Objectives

To inform relevant authorities and agencies of development applications that involve:

- the removal of native vegetation; and/or
- applications that are on land adjoining parks or conservation reserves; and/or
- are on land that is known to have aboriginal heritage values; and/or
- are on land that is within 100 metres of water authority infrastructure.

Policy

It is Policy that:

- The Department of Primary Industry and/or Department of Sustainability and Environment will be notified, pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, of the following:
 - An application for removal of native vegetation; and/or
 - An application adjoining parks and conservations reserves.
- The Local aboriginal community will be notified, pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 of any application where it is known that the site has importance in terms of its aboriginal heritage or culture.
- Goulburn Murray Water will be notified, pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 of any application within 100 metres of their infrastructure.

Decision Guidelines

Before deciding on an application to use or develop land or carry out works on land adjoining parks and conservation reserves, or on land known to have aboriginal heritage values, or on land that is within 100 metres of water authority infrastructure, the responsible authority will consider:

- The protection of existing and future amenity of parks and conservation reserves;
- The protection of water authority assets and their function;
- Any applicable State – Commonwealth agreements and international treaties;
- Any management plan in place for adjoining conservation reserves and in particular any management plan for the Barmah State Forest as it may apply to the application;
- Appropriate measures to prevent degradation of native vegetation both on the land subject to the development application and any adjoining conservation park or reserve;

- The potential impacts associated with environmental weeds and pests, and the incorporation of measures to manage such problem into use or development proposals as appropriate;
- The future use of land and where it is appropriate to include conditions requiring planting, replanting or other treatment of any part of the land;
- The current aboriginal heritage study document for the municipality;
- The aboriginal cultural resource management grid map and guidelines prepared by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria.; and
- Any comments of the local aboriginal community where the application affects a known site of aboriginal significance.