PUBLIC ACQUISITION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as PAO with a number.

Purpose

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To identify land which is proposed to be acquired by a Minister, public authority or municipal council.

To reserve land for a public purpose and to ensure that changes to the use or development of the land do not prejudice the purpose for which the land is to be acquired.

To designate a Minister, public authority or municipal council as an acquiring authority for land reserved for a public purpose.

Permit required

A permit is required to:

- Use land for any Section 1 or Section 2 use in the zone.

- Construct a building or construct or carry out works, including:
  - A domestic swimming pool or spa and associated mechanical and safety equipment if associated with one dwelling on a lot.
  - A pergola or verandah, including an open-sided pergola or verandah to a dwelling with a finished floor level not more than 800mm above ground level and a maximum building height of 3 metres above ground level.
  - A deck, including a deck to a dwelling with a finished floor level not more than 800mm above ground level.

- Damage, demolish or remove a building or works.

- Damage, remove, destroy or lop any vegetation. This does not apply:
  - If the vegetation has been planted for pasture, timber production or any other crop.
  - To any action which is necessary to keep the whole or any part of a tree clear of an electric line provided the action is carried out in accordance with a code of practice prepared under Section 86 of the Electricity Safety Act 1998.
  - If the vegetation presents an immediate risk of personal injury or damage to property.

- Subdivide land.

This does not apply:

- To the acquiring authority for the land if the land has been acquired and any of the above matters for which a permit is required is consistent with the purpose for which the land was acquired.

- To an authority or a municipal council if the responsible authority, after consulting with the acquiring authority for the land, is satisfied that any of the above matters for which a permit is required is consistent with the purpose for which the land is to be acquired.

Exemption from notice and review

An application under this overlay is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act.
**Referral of applications**

An application must be referred under Section 55 of the Act to the acquiring authority for the land.

**Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The effect of the proposed use or development on the purpose for which the land is to be acquired as specified in the schedule to this overlay.

A permit granted under this clause may be conditional on:

- The extent of alterations and extensions to an existing building and works, and the materials that may be used.
- The location, dimensions, design and material or a new building or works.
- The demolition, removal or alteration of any buildings or works.
- The demolition or removal of buildings or works constructed or carried out in accordance with a permit under this clause.
- No compensation being payable for the demolition or removal of any buildings or works constructed under the permit.

**Land not to be spoiled or wasted**

Land must not be spoiled or wasted so as to adversely affect the use of the land for the purpose for which it is to be acquired.

**Reservation for public purpose**

Any land included in a Public Acquisition Overlay is reserved for a public purpose within the meaning of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986* or any other act.

**Acquiring authority**

An acquiring authority is the Minister, public authority or municipal council specified in the schedule to this overlay as the acquiring authority for the land.