SCHEDULE 20 TO THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as DDO20

LOCH SPORT

1.0 Design objectives

To protect and enhance the coastal township character of Loch Sport.

To ensure that the height and visual bulk of new dwellings and extensions are acceptable in the neighbourhood setting.

To encourage the design of new buildings in residential areas that minimise their visual impact on the prevailing natural landscape.

To minimise the extent of earthworks.

To ensure that new buildings reflect and extend the principles of good design in terms of sustainability.

To ensure that buildings are designed and sited to avoid being visually obtrusive, particularly in terms of creating a silhouette above a skyline or existing tree canopy line when viewed from surrounding streets, properties, lakes or coastal areas.

To ensure that fencing maintains the open nature of development.

To recognise where substantial vegetation cover is a dominant visual and environmental feature of the local area by ensuring that site areas are large enough to accommodate development while retaining natural or established vegetation cover.

To ensure that subdivision proposals will enable new buildings to be integrated with their site and the surrounding area in terms of the relationship to existing buildings, open space areas and the coastal landscape.

To ensure that new buildings in the Loch Sport Town Centre Business Zone are designed to be of high quality contemporary architecture and to take advantage of water views and access to Lake Street.

2.0 Buildings and works

A permit is not required to construct a building or construct or carry out works if the following requirements are met:

- The maximum building height does not exceed 7.5 metres above natural ground level.
- The total area of buildings and works on a site (including building footprint and external decks) is not greater than 150 square metres. This does not apply to wastewater treatment and disposal areas and driveways.
- The difference between finished ground level and natural ground level as a result of excavation or filling must not exceed one metre and must be properly battered or retained.
- Side boundary setbacks are a minimum of 2 metres.

A permit is required for a fence other than a post and wire fence.

3.0 Design Standards

Requirements

Any permit issued in respect of the construction of buildings or works or construction of a fence or subdivision:

- must respond to the design objectives in Clause 1.0; and
must have regard to the following design standards:

**Building Height**
- New buildings should not be visually obtrusive, particularly in terms of creating a silhouette above a skyline or existing tree canopy line when viewed from surrounding streets, properties, lakes or coastal areas. The preferred height of new buildings should not exceed 7.5 metres above natural ground level.

**Setbacks**
- Front setbacks should provide opportunities for landscaping and be consistent with existing residential development.
- Side setbacks should provide opportunities for landscaping.
- New buildings within the Loch Sport Town Centre Business Zone should be sited to take advantage of access and proximity to Lake Street.

**Site Coverage and Site Excavation**
- New buildings should minimise their impact on the prevailing natural landscape from both visual and ecological perspectives. Buildings and works should be sited to minimise excavation and building footprint.
- Vehicular access on steep slopes should be minimised.
- Batters on steep slopes should be stabilised by vegetation.

**Landscaping**
- Existing indigenous vegetation and in particular coastal banksias should be retained wherever possible. New buildings should be complementary and subservient within the landscape.
- Development on steep slopes should include indigenous plant revegetation to ensure that batters are stabilised.
- Where trees or ground flora are removed, they should be replaced with new indigenous trees or ground flora planting.

**Fencing**
- Fencing should be designed to maintain the open nature of development.

**Application requirements**
An application for buildings and works must include the following information where relevant and to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority:
- The location of any proposed building and works clearly dimensioned on a site plan drawn to scale.
- The height of any proposed building above natural ground level clearly dimensioned on each elevation drawn to scale.
- The location, type and size of any indigenous trees or mature native vegetation to be removed.
- The location, dimensions and depth of any proposed excavations or fill.
- The location, height and form of any existing dwellings (on abutting and adjacent land).
- In areas where reticulated sewerage is not available, a report from a suitably qualified person to demonstrate whether effluent can be retained and treated on-site, without contaminating groundwater, in accordance with State Environmental Protection Policies.
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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider where relevant:

In relation to buildings and works (including fences):

- The design objectives and design standards of this schedule.
- Any siting and design guidelines prepared by the Victorian Coastal Council or Gippsland Coastal Board.
- The effect of any proposed development on the environmental and landscape values of the site and of the local area, including the effect on streamlines, foreshores, wetlands, areas of remnant vegetation or areas prone to erosion.
- The extent of any vegetation to be cleared and the impact of that clearance on the landscape setting of the locality.
- The extent of earthworks proposed and the means required to ensure site stability, prevent erosion and control storm water flows within the site.
- The impact of any new development on adjoining public land.
- Whether any loss of amenity to residents of existing dwellings on surrounding land will result from a variation to the requirements of this schedule.
- The effect of the bulk, siting and design of any proposed building on the general appearance of the area, particularly when viewed from adjacent waterways, beaches, tourist routes or viewpoints.
- Whether opportunities exist to avoid a building being visually obtrusive by the use of alternative building designs, including split level and staggered building forms that follow the natural slope of the land and reduce the need for site excavation and filling.
- The effect of the proposed fencing on the movement of wildlife.
- In areas where reticulated sewerage is not available, whether effluent can be retained and treated on-site, without contaminating groundwater, in accordance with State Environmental Protection Policies.

In relation to a proposed subdivision:

- The effect of any proposed subdivision on the environmental and landscape values of the site and of the local area, including the effect on streamlines, foreshores, wetlands, areas of remnant vegetation or areas prone to erosion.
- The need to contribute, where practicable, to the development of pedestrian walkways, to link residential areas and to provide access to community focal points, public land and activity areas such as commercial or community precincts, recreation areas or foreshore areas.
- Whether the proposed subdivision layout provides for the protection of existing natural vegetation, drainage lines, wetland areas and sites of cultural or heritage significance.
- The provision for water sensitive urban design.
- Whether the allotment frontage width is consistent with the typical width of existing allotments in the locality.
- Whether the proposed subdivision layout relates sympathetically to the topography of the site and the surrounding land uses.
- Whether reticulated sewerage is available or in areas where reticulated sewerage is not available, whether effluent can be retained and treated on-site, without contaminating groundwater, in accordance with State Environmental Protection Policies.