

Planning Scheme Amendment Fact Sheet

What is a Planning Scheme Amendment?

A planning scheme sets out the direction, policies and requirements for the use, development and protection of land. Planning schemes are regularly amended through the statutory planning scheme amendment process.

A planning scheme amendment may involve a change to a planning scheme map (for example, rezoning of land or the application of an overlay), or a change to the legal or written part of the scheme, or both.

What does Amendment C133 Propose?

The purpose of the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C131 is to introduce the finding of the Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment into the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme.

At its centre, Amendment C133 proposes to:

- Update the Municipal Strategic Statement to reflect the recommendations of the Landscape Assessment Study.
- Apply the Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) to identified significant landscapes and features across the Shire, with six (6) new SLO schedules as follows:
 - SLO1 Macedon Ranges and Hanging Rock;
 - SLO2 Lederberg and Wombat Forests;
 - SLO3 Cobaw Ranges;
 - SLO4 McHarg Ranges and Granitic Uplands;
 - SLO5 Mt William Ridge and Deep Creek; and
 - SLO6 Volcanic Cones and Rises.

How is the community being consulted on these proposed changes?

Letters will be sent to affected land owners (and occupiers), which indicate the specific section of the amendment that applies to them, and to invite submissions. Further information regarding the Planning Scheme Amendment will be provided during Formal Exhibition.

A notice of the amendment will be published in local newspapers, on Council's Social Media pages.

A Have Your Say page will be available on Council's website and available in hardcopy at Council's Customer Service Centres.

Where can I view all the proposed changes?

A full copy of the Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment and Amendment documentation will be available for online at Council's website:

www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

Hard copy documents will be available for public inspection, free of charge, during office hours at the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Offices in Gisborne and Kyneton.

Council Officers will be available in person, by email and phone to assist members of the community with further information.

Contact Strategic Planning:

Ph (03) 5421 9660

Email: strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au

How can I be kept informed?

Submitters to the Planning Scheme Amendment will be kept informed throughout the different stages in the process. More information will also be provided on Council's website as it becomes available



The Amendment Process

Amendment Preparation

Preparation and consideration for authorisation of Amendment (By Council and DELWP)



Minister's Authorisation

Council seeks consent from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit an amendment.

Note: While Council may support an amendment request, the Minister for Planning may or may not support the request.



Formal Exhibition of Amendment

- The amendment is exhibited for a minimum of 1 month:
- A written letter is sent to Ministers, public authorities and the owners and occupiers of land that may be affected by the amendment to inform them of the proposal;
- Advertisements are placed in the local newspaper and in the government gazette;
- Council officers meet with landowners and any other affected parties if required; and
- Written submissions of support and objection are invited.

Opportunity for Landowner Feedback



Submission assessment

- Submissions are considered by Council;
- Council officers send a written letter to submitters to advise the date of the Council Meeting where submitters have the opportunity to address Council if required;
- The amendment is adopted with or without changes, abandoned, or submissions are referred to an independent panel.

Planning Panel

- A Planning Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning may or may not be required to provide an independent assessment of the proposal and submissions (if not required, skip this step)
- The Planning Panel will provide advice and make recommendations through a report to Council to assist Council and the Minister to make the final decision

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Council or the Minister decides on the Amendment

- If Council has been authorised by the Minister to approve the amendment they can do so following Council's adoption of the DELWP certified amendment. Otherwise the Minister may approve the amendment;
- A written letter will be sent to submitters to advise of the outcome of the Council Meeting and the Ministers decision; and
- In both cases notice is published in the Government Gazette.