

Consistency of the proposal with the Statement of Planning Policy (SOPP) –Bowen Street, Malmsbury:

Objective number	Objective in the SoPP (Direct quote)	Strategies to deliver the objective (Direct quote)	Meets	Does not meet	N/A	Planner's Comment
1	To ensure the declared area's natural and cultural landscapes are conserved and enhanced.				N/A	The land is not affected by relevant overlays, eg Significance landscape overlay, etc.
		Manage land use, development and infrastructure to ensure that significant landscapes, views and vantage points are conserved and enhanced.				
		Encourage retention of native vegetation and revegetation that contributes to significant landscapes, particularly on escarpments and ridgelines and along riparian areas.				
		Manage development around significant landscapes of visual, scientific or education value, including along ridgelines and at vantage points.				
		Manage development and infrastructure provision to ensure sequences of views from key road and rail corridors are maintained for current and future users.				
2	To ensure the significant biodiversity, ecological and environmental values of the declared area are conserved and enhanced		✓			Native vegetation will not be removed to facilitate the proposal.
		Conserve and enhance high-value native vegetation and biodiversity and their ecological integrity by undertaking responsible environmental management, planning, procedures and practices.				
		Utilise appropriate historical ecological knowledge and practices from Traditional custodians of the land in the management of biodiversity and ecological and environmental values.				
		Encourage ecological restoration works in areas of identified state, regional and locally significant biodiversity value				
		Establish and improve bio links to connect high-value ecological areas, including areas along waterways and areas within and between towns.				
		Minimise the effects of weeds and pest animals on biodiversity values by establishing and implementing best practice land management plans.				

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3.	To prioritise the conservation and use of the declared area's water catchments to ensure a sustainable local, regional and state water supply, and healthy environment.		✓			The subject site is located within Special Water Supply Catchment Area.
		Protect water quality and natural systems by discouraging development that contributes to the degradation of water quality and quantity.				All lots will be connected to reticulated sewerage.
		Manage land use and development, including dams, in Declared Water Supply Catchments to retain and improve water quality and improve yield to support regional water needs and to increase system-wide capacity to Respond to demand.				
		Reinforce the role of waterways as biodiversity Linkages and as corridors for native plants and animals.				Native vegetation will not be removed to facilitate the proposal. Only grasses may need to be removed to facilitate the development of the new dwellings.
		Ensure water supply and land use planning policies are integrated, to realise efficiencies in regional catchment management and best practice, water-sensitive urban design.				All lots will be connected to reticulated water supply.
		Address the expected impacts of climate change, including changes in the duration and frequency of rainfall events and changes in the intensity and frequency of bushfire events.				
		Review and improve regulation and monitoring of groundwater licences and surface water diversions.				
4.	To recognise, protect, conserve and enhance the declared area's Aboriginal cultural and spiritual heritage values and work in partnership with Traditional Owners in caring for Country.				N/A	The subject site is not located within area of Aboriginal cultural sensitivity.
		With Traditional Owners, identify, protect, conserve and enhance sites, landscapes and views of Aboriginal cultural significance, consistent with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and Cultural Heritage Management Plans.				
		With Traditional Owners, acknowledge, protect, promote and interpret tangible and intangible				

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		Aboriginal cultural values, heritage and knowledge when planning and managing land use and development, water and other environmental resources.				
5.	<b>To recognise, conserve and enhance the declared area's significant post-contact cultural heritage values.</b>				N/A	
		Conserve and enhance the character of state and/or nationally significant post-contact cultural heritage values (including aesthetic, historic, scientific, social and spiritual values) in the declared area's heritage places, precincts and landscapes, including sequences of views along main road and rail routes.				
		Acknowledge, promote and interpret significant post-contact cultural heritage values in the planning, design, development and management of land uses, including infrastructure.				
6.	<b>To support and encourage agricultural land uses that strengthen the declared area's economy and contribute to the rural landscape.</b>				N/A	The land is zoned for Rural Living purposes rather than Farming purposes. While it can be expected that the proposal will facilitate the shift from dedicated agricultural use of the land to a rural-residential use, the proposed subdivision will maintain lot sizes having capacity to undertake small scale agricultural pursuits.
		Encourage the use of rural-zoned land for agricultural purposes and encourage the use of high-quality soils for soil-based agriculture.				
		Encourage and support innovations in agricultural practices (such as sustainable farming, water reuse, technologies to enable farming to adapt and respond to emerging and niche markets).				
		Support agricultural practices that improve soil health and respond to and encourage adaptation to climate change.				
		Encourage measures to ensure agricultural practices protect and enhance soil quality, water quality, biodiversity and native plants and animals.				
		Manage the effects of rural land use and development on important environmental and cultural values.				

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		Restrict the supply of rural-living-zoned land to conserve and protect agricultural practices.				
		Protect strategic extractive resource areas and existing quarry operations from encroachment from inappropriate development.				
		Proposals to establish an extractive industry must adhere to best practice measures to avoid and minimise impacts on significant environments and landscapes.				
7.	<b>To provide for a diverse and sustainable visitor economy compatible with the natural and cultural values of the area.</b>				N/A	
		Support and facilitate sustainable and responsible tourism and recreation-related land uses and developments (such as agritourism) in keeping with the declared area's significant landscapes, environmental and cultural values.				
		Facilitate tourism-related land use and development that encourages people to recognise and understand Aboriginal and post-contact cultural heritage.				
		Ensure the conservation and enhancement of Declared Water Supply Catchment Areas of regional or state significance in the planning of tourism and recreational land uses.				
		Protect the unique rural character of towns in the declared area.				
8.	<b>To plan and manage growth of settlements in the declared area consistent with protection of the area's significant landscapes, protection of catchments, biodiversity, ecological and environmental values, and consistent with the unique character, role and function of each settlement.</b>		✓			<p>The Municipal Strategic Plan seeks to allow development and infrastructure to support the growing population within all townships within the Shire.</p> <p>The site is not located adjacent to any significant landscape and no native vegetation will be removed as part of the proposal.</p>
		Direct urban development to a hierarchy of settlements identified for growth, through clearly defining long-term settlement boundaries.				The site is adjoined by rural living zoned land on all sides.

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		Direct rural residential development to rural-living-zoned land as provided for in the Macedon Ranges Council's rural living strategy, In the Rural Living Zone – Strategic Direction (2015).			N/A	The land already contains 29 lots that could already be developed with dwellings.
		Encourage infill development that respects the townships' character.	✓			The site currently consists of 29 separate titles, the number of titles is not increased and the average lot size remains the same. The character of the area will therefore not be affected by the proposal.
		Limit the expansion of settlements in high risk locations, actively reducing the risks associated with natural hazards.			N/A	
		Encourage a range of housing types within settlement boundaries to support a diverse range of housing needs.	✓			Building envelopes have been provided on the submitted design response plan to demonstrate that appropriate locations are available within each site to build a dwelling.  Varied housing types are not limited by the proposal and it can be expected that each lot would be developed by its own unique housing style.
		Encourage provision of an adequate supply of well-serviced employment land within settlement boundaries to support local and regional jobs and services.			N/A	
		Encourage the use of voluntary Cultural Heritage Management Plans.			N/A	
9.	To manage the provision of infrastructure consistent with protection of the area's significant landscapes and protection of environmental values to support the social and economic needs of communities and increase resilience to climate change effects.		✓			All lots will be provided with all engineering services.
		Provide timely infrastructure and services to meet community needs in sequence with development.	✓			
		Maintain and enhance transport connections that provide links between and within regional communities and to major cities.				

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		Reduce use of fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by prioritising active transport and public transport modes.				
		Maintain view lines of state-significant landscape features from the main road and rail transport corridors.				
		Ensure the future operation and development of major transport linkages and rail corridors and upgrading and improved management of freight routes are considered when managing the growth of settlements.				
		Ensure equitable access to community infrastructure.				
		Encourage the use of active and public transport by planning infrastructure and facilities in accessible locations, and improve walking and cycling routes.				
10.	<b>Respond to the challenges and threats of climate change and natural hazards with careful planning and mitigation strategies.</b>		✓			
		Support community and government planning for disaster preparedness and climate resilience.			N/A	
		Manage bushfire risks while also retaining valued biodiversity and landscape character.	✓			Bushfire planning primarily relates to areas subject to the Bushfire Management Overlay which does not apply to the subject property.
		Plan for more renewable energy generation and distribution.			N/A	
		Ensure proposals to establish renewable energy facilities adhere to best practice measures to avoid and minimise impacts on significant environments and landscapes.			N/A	
		Ensure planning for future use and development of land prone to flooding minimises the consequences of inundation.			N/A	