35.03 RURAL LIVING ZONE

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Shown on the planning scheme map as **RLZ** with a number (if shown).

Purpose

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

To provide for residential use in a rural environment.

To provide for agricultural land uses which do not adversely affect the amenity of surrounding land uses.

To protect and enhance the natural resources, biodiversity and landscape and heritage values of the area.

To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.

35.03-1 Table of uses

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Section 1 - Permit not required

Use	Condition
Automated collection point	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.13-3 and 52.13-5. The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 50 square metres.
Bed and breakfast	No more than 10 persons may be accommodated away from their normal place of residence. At least 1 car parking space must be provided for each 2 persons able to be accommodated away from their normal place of residence. Must be located more than 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .
Community care accommodation	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.22-2. Must be located more than 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .
Domestic animal husbandry (other than Domestic animal boarding)	Must be no more than 2 animals.
Dwelling (other than Bed and breakfast)	The lot must be at least the area specified in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 2 hectares. Must be the only dwelling on the lot. Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.03-2. Must be located more than 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .
Home based business	
Informal outdoor recreation	

Use	Condition
Poultry farm	Must be no more than 100 poultry (not including emus or ostriches). Must be no more than 10 emus and ostriches.
Racing dog husbandry	Must be no more than 2 animals.
Railway	
Small second dwelling	Must be no more than one dwelling existing on the lot. Must be the only small second dwelling on the lot. Reticulated natural gas must not be supplied to the building, or part of a building, used for the small second dwelling. Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.03-2. Must be located more than 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .
Tramway	
Any use listed in Clause 62.01	Must meet the requirements of Clause 62.01.

Section 2 - Permit required

Use	Condition
Accommodation (other than Community care accommodation, Dwelling and Small second dwelling)	
Agriculture (other than Domestic animal husbandry, Apiculture, Intensive animal production, Poultry farm, Racing dog husbandry and Timber production)	
Bar	The site must not have direct access to a rural freeway.
Broiler farm - if the Section 1 condition to Poultry farm is not met	Must be no more than 10,000 chickens.
Car park	Must be used in conjunction with another use in Section 1 or 2.
Convenience shop	The leasable floor area must not exceed 80 square metres. The site must not have direct access to a rural freeway.
Domestic animal boarding	
Dwelling (other than Bed and breakfast) - if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.03-2.

Use	Condition
Freeway service centre	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.05.
Hotel	The site must not have direct access to a rural freeway.
Leisure and recreation (other than Informal outdoor recreation and Motor racing track)	
Market	
Medical centre	
Place of assembly (other than Amusement parlour, Carnival, Cinema based entertainment facility, Circus and Nightclub)	
Plant nursery	
Postal agency	
Primary produce sales	The total area used to display and sell primary produce not grown on the land or adjacent land, and processed goods made substantially from that primary produce, must: ▪ Be contiguous. ▪ Not exceed 50 square metres. ▪ Not display or sell primary produce grown on the land or adjacent land.
Racing dog husbandry – if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.12.
Restaurant	The site must not have direct access to a rural freeway.
Rural industry (other than Abattoir and Sawmill)	
Service station	The site must either: ▪ Adjoin a commercial zone or industrial zone. ▪ Adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Transport Zone 2 or a Transport Zone 3. The site must not exceed either: ▪ 3000 square metres. ▪ 3600 square metres if it adjoins on two boundaries a road in a Transport Zone 2 or a Transport Zone 3. The site must not have direct access to a rural freeway.

Use	Condition
Store	Must be in a building, not a dwelling, and used to store equipment, goods, or motor vehicles used in conjunction with the occupation of a resident of a dwelling on the lot.
Timber production	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.11.
Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility)	
Any other use not in Section 1 or 3	

Section 3 - Prohibited

Use
Abattoir
Amusement parlour
Cinema based entertainment facility
Industry (other than Automated collection point and Rural Industry)
Intensive animal production
Motor racing track
Nightclub
Office (other than Medical centre)
Retail premises (other than Bar, Convenience shop, Hotel, Market, Plant nursery, Postal agency, Primary produce sales and Restaurant)
Saleyard
Sawmill
Small second dwelling – if the Section 1 condition is not met
Transport terminal
Warehouse (other than Store)

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Use of land for a dwelling or small second dwelling

A lot used for a dwelling or small second dwelling must meet the following requirements:

- Access to the dwelling or small second dwelling must be provided via an all-weather road with dimensions adequate to accommodate emergency vehicles.

- Each dwelling or small second dwelling must be connected to reticulated sewerage, if available. If reticulated sewerage is not available, all wastewater from each dwelling must be treated and retained within the lot in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Regulations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* for an on-site wastewater management system.
- The dwelling or small second dwelling must be connected to a reticulated potable water supply or have an alternative potable water supply with adequate storage for domestic use as well as for fire fighting purposes.
- The dwelling or small second dwelling must be connected to a reticulated electricity supply or have an alternative energy source.

35.03-3 Subdivision

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A permit is required to subdivide land.

Each lot must be at least the area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, each lot must be at least 2 hectares.

A permit may be granted to create smaller lots if any of the following apply:

- The subdivision is the re-subdivision of existing lots and the number of lots is not increased.
- The number of lots is no more than the number the land could be subdivided into in accordance with a schedule to this zone.
- The subdivision is by a public authority or utility service provider to create a lot for a utility installation.

A permit must not be granted which would allow a separate lot to be created for land containing a small second dwelling.

VicSmart applications

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Subdivide land to realign the common boundary between 2 lots where: - Each new lot is at least the area specified for the land in the zone or the schedule to the zone. - The area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 percent. - The general direction of the common boundary does not change.	Clause 59.01
Subdivide land into 2 lots where each new lot is at least the area specified for the land in the zone or the schedule to the zone.	Clause 59.12

35.03-4 Buildings and works

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A permit is required to construct or carry out any of the following:

- A building or works associated with a use in Section 2 of Clause 35.03-1. This does not apply to:

  - An alteration or extension to an existing dwelling provided the floor area of the alteration or extension is not more than the area specified in a schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 200 square metres. Any area specified must be more than 200 square metres.
  - An out-building associated with an existing dwelling provided the floor area of the out-building is not more than the area specified in a schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 250 square metres. Any area specified must be more than 250 square metres.
  - An alteration or extension to an existing building used for agriculture provided the floor area of the alteration or extension is not more than the area specified in the schedule to this zone or, if no area is specified, 250 square metres. Any area specified must be more than 250 square metres. The building must not be used to keep, board, breed or train animals.
  - A rainwater tank.
- Earthworks specified in a schedule to this zone, if on land specified in a schedule.
- A building which is within any of the following setbacks:
  - The setback from a Transport Zone 2 or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay if the Head, Transport for Victoria is the acquiring authority and the purpose of the acquisition is for a road, specified in the schedule to this zone or, if no setback is specified, 30 metres.
  - The setback from any other road or boundary specified in the schedule to this zone.
  - The distance from a dwelling not in the same ownership specified in the schedule to this zone.
  - 30 metres from a small second dwelling not in the same ownership.
  - 100 metres from a waterway, wetlands or designated flood plain or, the distance specified in the schedule to this zone. Any distance specified must be less than 100 metres.
- A building or works associated with accommodation located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .

VicSmart applications

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Construct a building or construct or carry out works with an estimated cost of up to $350,000 where: ■ The land is not used for Domestic animal husbandry, Pig farm, Poultry farm, Poultry hatchery, Racing dog husbandry or Rural industry. ■ The land is not within 30 metres of land (not a road) which is in a residential zone. ■ The building or works are not associated with accommodation located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* . Any works must not be earthworks specified in the schedule to the zone.	Clause 59.13

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application to use or subdivide land, construct a building or construct or carry out works, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

General issues

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- Any Regional Catchment Strategy and associated plan applying to the land.
- The capability of the land to accommodate the proposed use or development.
- Whether the site is suitable for the use or development and whether the proposal is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.
- The potential for accommodation to be adversely affected by vehicular traffic, noise, blasting, dust and vibration from an existing or proposed extractive industry operation if it is located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990.*

Agricultural issues

- The capacity of the site to sustain the agricultural use.
- Any integrated land management plan prepared for the site.
- The potential for the future expansion of the use or development and the impact of this on adjoining and nearby agricultural and other land uses.

Environmental issues

- The impact on the natural physical features and resources of the area and in particular any impact caused by the proposal on soil and water quality and by the emission of noise, dust and odours.
- The impact of the use or development on the flora, fauna and landscape features of the locality.
- The need to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area, including the need to retain vegetation and faunal habitat and the need to revegetate land including riparian buffers along waterways, gullies, ridgelines, property boundaries and saline discharge and recharge area.
- The location of on-site effluent disposal areas to minimise the impact of nutrient loads on waterways and native vegetation.

Design and siting issues

- The impact of the siting, design, height, bulk, colours and materials to be used, on the natural environment, major roads, vistas and water features and the measures to be undertaken to minimise any adverse impacts.
- The impact on the character and appearance of the area or features of architectural, historic or scientific significance or of natural scenic beauty or importance.
- The location and design of existing and proposed infrastructure including roads, gas, water, drainage, telecommunications and sewerage facilities.
- Whether the use or development will require traffic management measures.
- The need to locate and design buildings used for accommodation to avoid or reduce the impact from vehicular traffic, noise, blasting, dust and vibration from an existing or proposed extractive industry operation if it is located within 500 metres from the nearest title boundary of land on which a work authority has been applied for or granted under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* .

35.03-6 Signs

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Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 3.