44.05 SPECIAL BUILDING OVERLAY

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

Purpose

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

To identify land in urban areas liable to inundation by overland flows from the urban drainage system as determined by, or in consultation with, the floodplain management authority.

To ensure that development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwaters, minimises flood damage, is compatible with the flood hazard and local drainage conditions and will not cause any significant rise in flood level or flow velocity.

To protect water quality and waterways as natural resources by managing urban stormwater, protecting water supply catchment areas, and managing saline discharges to minimise the risks to the environmental quality of water and groundwater.

44.05-1 Flooding management objectives and statement of risk

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A schedule to this overlay may contain:

- Flooding management objectives to be achieved.
- A statement of risk.

44.05-2 Buildings and works

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A permit is required to construct a building or to construct or carry out works, including:

- A fence.
- Roadworks, if the water flow path is redirected or obstructed.
- Bicycle pathways and trails.
- Public toilets.
- A domestic swimming pool or spa and associated mechanical and safety equipment if associated with one dwelling on a lot.
- A rainwater tank with a capacity of not more than 10,000 litres.
- A pergola or verandah, including an open-sided pergola or verandah to a dwelling or small second 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 or small second dwelling with a finished floor level not more than 800mm above ground level.
- A disabled access ramp.
- Buildings and works associated with a movable unit as defined in the *Housing Act 1983* , carried out by or on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Homes Victoria.
- Buildings and works associated with a movable building constructed for a community service and to be used or intended to be used to provide temporary accommodation on a non-profit basis, if that building:
  - Has a floor area not exceeding 45 square metres.
  - Is located on the same lot as an existing dwelling.
  - Is the only movable building on the lot.

This does not apply:

- If a schedule to this overlay specifically states that a permit is not required.
- To roadworks or bicycle paths and trails constructed or carried out by or on behalf of the Head, Transport for Victoria, to the satisfaction of the relevant floodplain management authority.
- To flood mitigation works carried out by the responsible authority or floodplain management authority.
- To the following works in accordance with plans prepared to the satisfaction of the responsible authority:
  - The laying of underground sewerage, water and gas mains, oil pipelines, underground telephone lines and underground power lines provided they do not alter the topography of the land.
  - The erection of telephone or power lines provided they do not involve the construction of towers or poles designed to operate at more than 66,000 volts.
- To landscaping, driveways, vehicle cross overs, footpaths or bicycle paths if there is no significant change to existing surface levels, or if the relevant floodplain management authority has agreed in writing that the flowpath is not obstructed.
- To an extension of less than 20 square metres in floor area to an existing building (not including an out-building), where the floor levels are constructed to at least 300mm above the flood level or if the relevant floodplain management authority has agreed in writing that the flowpath is not obstructed.
- To an upper storey extension to an existing building.
- To an alteration to an existing building where the original building footprint remains the same and floor levels are constructed to at least 300mm above flood level.
- To an out-building (including replacement of an existing building) if the out-building is less than 10 square metres in floor area and constructed to at least 150mm above the flood level or the relevant floodplain management authority has agreed in writing that the flowpath is not obstructed.
- To a replacement building (not including an out-building) if it is constructed to at least 300mm above the flood level and the original building footprint remains the same. The responsible authority may require evidence of the existing building envelope.
- To fencing with at least 25% openings and with the plinth at least 300mm above the flood level.
- To a replacement fence in the same location and of the same type and materials as the existing fence.
- To a pergola or an open deck area with unenclosed foundations.
- To a carport constructed over an existing carspace.
- To an in-ground swimming pool and associated security fencing, where the perimeter edging of the pool is constructed at natural surface levels and excavated material is removed from the flowpath.
- To a tennis court at existing surface level with fencing designed to minimise obstruction to flows.
- To an aviary or other enclosure for a domestic animal if it is less than 10 square metres in floor area at ground level.
- To open sided verandahs, open sided picnic shelters, barbeques and park furniture (excluding playground equipment) if there is less than 30mm change to existing surface levels.
- To radio masts, light poles or signs on posts or attached to buildings.

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	Provision
Construct a building or construct or carry out works.	Clause 59.08

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Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land.

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	Provision
Any of the following classes of subdivision: ▪ Subdivide land to realign the common boundary between two lots where the area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 per cent and the general direction of the common boundary does not change. ▪ Subdivide land into lots each containing an existing building or car parking space where: – The buildings or car parking spaces have been constructed in accordance with the provisions of this scheme or a permit issued under this scheme. – An occupancy permit or a certificate of final inspection has been issued under the Building Regulations in relation to the buildings within five years prior to the application for a permit for subdivision. ▪ Subdivide land into two lots if: – The construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works on the land is approved under this scheme or by a permit issued under this scheme and the permit has not expired. – The construction or carrying out of the approved building or works on the land has started lawfully. – The subdivision does not create a vacant lot.	Clause 59.08
Subdivide land into two lots if: ▪ A permit has been issued under a provision of a residential zone to construct up to two dwellings on the land and the permit has not expired. ▪ Each lot will contain either: – one existing dwelling; or – one dwelling permitted to be constructed in accordance with the permit.	Clause 59.08

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Application requirements

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the relevant floodplain management authority, an application to construct a building or construct or carry out works must be accompanied by a site plan which shows, as appropriate:

- The boundaries and dimensions of the site.
- Relevant existing and proposed ground levels, to Australian Height Datum, taken by or under the direction or supervision of a licensed land surveyor.
- The layout, size and use of existing and proposed buildings and works, including vehicle parking areas.
- Floor levels of any existing and proposed buildings to Australian Height Datum.
- Cross sectional details of any basement entry ramps and other basement entries to Australian Height Datum, showing floor levels of entry and exit areas and drainage details.
- Any other application requirements specified in a schedule to this overlay.

Local floodplain development plan

If a local floodplain development plan has been developed for the area and has been incorporated into this scheme, an application must be consistent with the plan.

44.05-5 Exemption from notice and review

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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.

44.05-6 Referral of applications

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An application must be referred to the relevant floodplain management authority under Section 55 of the Act unless in the opinion of the responsible authority, the proposal satisfies requirements or conditions previously agreed to in writing between the responsible authority and the floodplain management authority.

44.05-7 Decision guidelines

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

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- Any local floodplain development plan.
- Any comments from the relevant floodplain management authority.
- The existing use and development of the land.
- Whether the proposed use or development could be located on flood-free land or land with a lesser flood hazard outside this overlay.
- The susceptibility of the development to flooding and flood damage.
- Flood risk factors to consider include:
  - The frequency, duration, extent, depth and velocity of flooding of the site and accessway.
  - The flood warning time available.
  - The danger to the occupants of the development, other floodplain residents and emergency personnel if the site or accessway is flooded.
- The effect of the development on redirecting or obstructing floodwater, stormwater or drainage water and the effect of the development on reducing flood storage and increasing flood levels and flow velocities.
- Any other matters specified in a schedule to this overlay.