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VC148**FARMING ZONE**

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

Purpose

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

To provide for the use of land for agriculture.

To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land.

To ensure that non-agricultural uses, including dwellings, do not adversely affect the use of land for agriculture.

To encourage the retention of employment and population to support rural communities.

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

To provide for the use and development of land for the specific purposes identified in a schedule to this zone.

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VC309**Table of uses****Section 1 – Permit not required**

Use	Condition
Abattoir	Must be used in conjunction with Animal production on the same land or contiguous land in the same ownership. Must not have a gross floor area more than 200 square metres. Must not slaughter or process animals, including birds, at a designed throughput of greater than 120 tonnes of product per year. Must not exceed a wastewater design or actual flow rate of greater than 5,000 litres per day. Must not be within 100 metres of a dwelling in separate ownership. The land must be at least 100 metres from land (not a road) which is in an Activity Centre Zone, Capital City Zone, Commercial 1 Zone, Docklands Zone, residential zone, Rural Living Zone, land used for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution. Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10 with no threshold distance specified.
Agriculture (other than Animal production, Apiculture, Domestic animal husbandry, Racing dog husbandry, Rice growing and Timber production)	
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.

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	Must be located more than one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to: ▪ A permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or ▪ A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the <i>Environment Effects Act 1978</i> . 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 <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> .
Cattle feedlot	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.08. The total number of cattle to be housed in the cattle feedlot must be 1000 or less. The site must be located outside a special water supply catchment under the <i>Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994</i> . The site must be located outside a catchment area listed in Appendix 2 of the Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots – August 1995.
Domestic animal husbandry (other than Domestic animal boarding)	Must be no more than 5 animals.
Dwelling (other than Bed and breakfast)	Must be the only dwelling on the lot. 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 40 hectares. Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.07-2. Must be located more than one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to: ▪ A permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or ▪ A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the <i>Environment Effects Act 1978</i> . 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 <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> .
Grazing animal production	
Home based business	

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Informal outdoor recreation	
Poultry farm	Must be no more than 100 poultry (not including emus or ostriches). Must be no more than 10 emus and ostriches.
Primary produce sales	Must not be within 100 metres of a dwelling in separate ownership. The area used for the display and sale of primary produce must not exceed 50 square metres.
Racing dog husbandry	Must be no more than 5 animals.
Railway	
Rural industry (other than Abattoir and Sawmill)	Must not have a gross floor area more than 200 square metres. Must not be within 100 metres of a dwelling in separate ownership. Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10 with no threshold distance specified. Must not manufacture mud bricks that contain hemp. The land must be at least the following distances from land (not a road) which is in an Activity Centre Zone, Capital City Zone, Commercial 1 Zone, Docklands Zone, residential zone or Rural Living Zone, land used for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution: ▪ The threshold distance, for a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10. ▪ 30 metres, for a purpose not listed in the table to Clause 53.10. Must not: ▪ Exceed a fire protection quantity under the Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2022. ▪ Require a notification under the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017. ▪ Require a licence under the Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011. ▪ Require a licence under the Dangerous Goods (HCDG) Regulations 2016. ▪
Rural store	Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture. Must be in a building, not a dwelling and have a gross floor area of less than 100 square metres. Must be the only Rural store on the lot.
Rural worker accommodation	The number of persons accommodated at any time must not be more than 10. Must be used in conjunction with Agriculture on the same land or contiguous land in the same ownership.

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	Must be used exclusively for accommodating workers engaged on the same land or contiguous land in the same ownership. Must be the only accommodation other than a dwelling on the same land or contiguous land in the same ownership. Must be on the same lot as an existing dwelling. The lot must be at least the area specified in a schedule to this zone for which no permit is required to use land for a dwelling. If no area is specified, the lot must be at least 40 hectares. Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.07-2. Must be located more than one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to: ▪ A permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or ▪ A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the <i>Environment Effects Act 1978</i> . 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 <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> .
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 35.07-2. Must be located more than one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to: ▪ A permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or ▪ An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or ▪ A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the <i>Environment Effects Act 1978</i> . 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 <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> .
Timber production	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.11. The plantation area must not exceed any area specified in a schedule to this zone. Any area specified must be at least 40 hectares. The total plantation area (existing and proposed) on contiguous land which was in the same ownership on or after 28 October 1993 must not exceed any scheduled area. The plantation must not be within 100 metres of:

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	■ Any dwelling in separate ownership. ■ Any land zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use. ■ Any site specified on a permit which is in force which permits a dwelling to be constructed. The plantation must not be within 20 metres of a powerline whether on private or public land, except with the consent of the relevant electricity supply or distribution authority.

Tramway

Any use listed in Clause 62.01	Must meet requirements of Clause 62.01.
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Section 2 – Permit required

Use	Condition
Animal production (other than Cattle feedlot, Grazing animal production and Poultry farm)	
Broiler farm - if the Section 1 condition to Poultry farm is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.09.
Camping and caravan park	
Car park	Must be used in conjunction with another use in Section 1 or 2.
Cattle feedlot – if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.08. The site must be located outside a catchment area listed in Appendix 2 of the Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots – August 1995.
Cemetery	
Crematorium	
Domestic animal boarding	
Dwelling (other than Bed and breakfast) – if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.07-2.
Emergency services facility	
Freeway service centre	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.05.
Group accommodation	
Host farm	

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Use	Condition
Industry (other than Automated collection point and Rural industry)	
Landscape gardening supplies	
Leisure and recreation (other than Informal outdoor recreation)	
Manufacturing sales	
Market	
Place of assembly (other than Amusement parlour, Carnival, Cinema based entertainment facility, Circus and Nightclub)	
Primary school	
Racing dog husbandry – if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.12.
Renewable energy facility (other than Wind energy facility)	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.13.
Residential hotel	
Restaurant	
Rice growing	
Rural worker accommodation – if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 35.07-2.
Sawmill	
Secondary school	
Timber production – if the Section 1 condition is not met	Must meet the requirements of Clause 53.11.
Trade supplies	
Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility)	
Warehouse (other than Rural store)	
Wind energy facility	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.32.
Winery	

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Any other use not in Section 1 or 3

Section 3 – Prohibited

Use

Accommodation (other than Bed and breakfast, Camping and caravan park, Dwelling, Group accommodation, Host farm, Residential hotel, Rural worker accommodation and Small second dwelling)

Amusement parlour

Cinema based entertainment facility

Education centre (other than Primary school and Secondary school)

Nightclub

Office

Retail premises (other than Market, Landscape gardening supplies, Manufacturing sales, Primary produce sales, Restaurant and Trade supplies)

Small second dwelling – if the Section 1 condition is not met

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Use of land for a dwelling, small second dwelling or rural worker accommodation

A lot used for a dwelling, small second dwelling or rural worker accommodation must meet the following requirements:

- Access to the dwelling, small second dwelling or rural worker accommodation must be provided via an all-weather road with dimensions adequate to accommodate emergency vehicles.
- Each dwelling, small second dwelling or rural worker accommodation 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, small second dwelling or rural worker accommodation 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, small second dwelling or rural worker accommodation must be connected to a reticulated electricity supply or have an alternative energy source.

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Subdivision

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 40 hectares.

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

- The subdivision is to create a lot for an existing dwelling. The subdivision must be a two lot subdivision.
- The subdivision is the re-subdivision of existing lots and the number of lots is not increased.
- The subdivision is by a public authority or utility service provider to create a lot for a utility installation.
- The subdivision is to create a lot for a utility installation used to:
 - transmit or distribute electricity; or
 - store electricity if the installed capacity is 1 megawatt or greater.

A permit cannot 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:	Clause 59.01
▪ 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. ▪ The land is not used for Rural worker accommodation	
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 where the land is not used for Rural worker accommodation.	Clause 59.12

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Buildings and works

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 35.07-1. 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 a 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:

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- 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 a schedule to this zone or, if no setback is specified, 50 metres.
- The setback from any other road or boundary specified in a schedule to this zone.
- The setback from a dwelling not in the same ownership specified in a schedule to this zone.
- 100 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.
- Permanent or fixed feeding infrastructure for seasonal or supplementary feeding for grazing animal production constructed within 100 metres of:
 - A waterway, wetland or designated flood plain.
 - A dwelling or small second dwelling not in the same ownership.
 - A residential or urban growth zone.
- A building or works associated with accommodation located within one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to:
 - A permit for a wind energy facility; or
 - An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or
 - An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or
 - A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978* .
- 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 associated with a Section 1 use in the Table of uses of the zone with an estimated cost of up to \$700,000.	Clause 59.13
Any works must not be earthworks specified in the schedule to the zone.	
Construct a building or construct or carry out works associated with a Section 2 use in the Table of uses of the zone with an estimated cost of up to \$700,000 where:	Clause 59.13
■ The land is not used for Domestic animal husbandry, Intensive animal production, Pig farm, Poultry farm, Poultry hatchery, Racing dog husbandry, Rural industry or Rural worker accommodation. ■ 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 one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to: – A permit for a wind energy facility; or – An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or	

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- An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or
- A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978*.
- 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.

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Application requirements for dwellings

An application to use a lot for a dwelling must be accompanied by a written statement which explains how the proposed dwelling responds to the decision guidelines for dwellings in the zone.

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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, including the disposal of effluent.
- How the use or development relates to sustainable land management.
- Whether the site is suitable for the use or development and whether the proposal is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.
- How the use and development makes use of existing infrastructure and services.

Agricultural issues and the impacts from non-agricultural uses

- Whether the use or development will support and enhance agricultural production.
- Whether the use or development will adversely affect soil quality or permanently remove land from agricultural production.
- The potential for the use or development to limit the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.
- The capacity of the site to sustain the agricultural use.
- The agricultural qualities of the land, such as soil quality, access to water and access to rural infrastructure.
- Any integrated land management plan prepared for the site.
- Whether Rural worker accommodation is necessary having regard to:
 - The nature and scale of the agricultural use.
 - The accessibility to residential areas and existing accommodation, and the remoteness of the location.

- The duration of the use of the land for Rural worker accommodation.

Accommodation issues

- Whether the dwelling will result in the loss or fragmentation of productive agricultural land.
- Whether the dwelling will be adversely affected by agricultural activities on adjacent and nearby land due to dust, noise, odour, use of chemicals and farm machinery, traffic and hours of operation.
- Whether the dwelling will adversely affect the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.
- The potential for the proposal to lead to a concentration or proliferation of dwellings in the area and the impact of this on the use of the land for agriculture.
- The potential for accommodation to be adversely affected by noise and shadow flicker impacts if it is located within one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to:
 - A permit for a wind energy facility; or
 - An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or
 - An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or
 - A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978*.
- 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*.

Environmental issues

- The impact of the proposal on the natural physical features and resources of the area, in particular on soil and water quality.
- The impact of the use or development on the flora and fauna on the site and its surrounds.
- The need to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area, including the retention of 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 need to locate buildings in one area to avoid any adverse impacts on surrounding agricultural uses and to minimise the loss of productive agricultural land.
- 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 and development will require traffic management measures.
- The need to locate and design buildings used for accommodation to avoid or reduce noise and shadow flicker impacts from the operation of a wind energy facility if it is located within one kilometre from the nearest title boundary of land subject to:

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- A permit for a wind energy facility; or
 - An application for a permit for a wind energy facility; or
 - An incorporated document approving a wind energy facility; or
 - A proposed wind energy facility for which an action has been taken under section 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) or 8(4) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978* .
- 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* .

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Signs

Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 4.