

Strategic Assessment Guidelines Checklist

This checklist is a tool that provides a quick snapshot of the abovementioned information. It may be useful to use while preparing an amendment assessment.

Note: In the 'Comment' field, you must click in the top left part of the field to enter any comments.

Strategic Consideration		Yes	No	N/A	Comment
Why is an amendment required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does the amendment intend to do and what is its desired outcome? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guide development of activity centres and non-residential development in residential areas. Seeks to achieve more active activity centres with a wider variety of land uses.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does it intend to do it? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Through policy guidance. All objectives are discretionary.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it supported by or is it a result of any strategic study or report? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Activity Centres Strategy 2019 (attached).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the planning policy, provision or control result in the desired planning outcome? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	It should if used effectively.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the amendment have a net community benefit? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, it will strengthen the local economy, the range of products on offer in local activity centres, and promote walkability.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the community benefit outweigh the cost of the new control? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, there is no additional cost of control. There are no new permit triggers.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment repeat provisions already in the scheme? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, some strategies have been deleted (following the original authorisation request) where it was identified they duplicated SPPF.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the planning scheme the most appropriate means of controlling the issue or can other existing regulatory or process mechanisms deal with the issue? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. Only the planning related components of the strategy have been included in this amendment.
Does the amendment implement the objectives of planning and any environmental, social and economic effects?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria? (Refer to section 4 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The amendment seeks to improve the built environment, and the natural environment in the way the built environment impacts it (eg. Stormwater).</p> <p>The amendment seeks to reinforce the role of local shopping facilities, walkability, and community facilities.</p> <p>The amendment seeks to improve the local economy, strengthening the role played by activity centres, and promoting more local jobs, particularly knowledge based employment.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment adequately address any environmental effects? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment adequately address any social effects? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment adequately address any economic effects? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the amendment address relevant bushfire risk?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment meet the objective and give effect to the strategies to address the risk to life as a priority, property, community infrastructure and the natural environment from bushfire in the Planning Policy Framework (Clause 13.02 of the planning scheme)? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the view of the relevant fire authority been sought in formulating the amendment? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the planning scheme includes a Local Planning Policy Framework at Clause 20, is the amendment consistent with the Local Planning Policy Framework objectives and strategies that apply to bushfire risk? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is local policy for bushfire risk management required to support the amendment? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the amendment comply with all the relevant Minister's Directions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the amendment comply with the requirements of the Ministerial Direction - The Form and Content of Planning Schemes? • Do any other Minister's Directions apply to the amendment? If so, have they been complied with? • Is the amendment accompanied by all of the information required by a Minister's Direction? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Addressed in the explanatory report.
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the amendment support or implement the PPF?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the amendment support or give effect to the PPF? • Are there any competing PPF objectives and how are they balanced? • Does the amendment support or give effect to any relevant adopted state policy? <p>If the planning scheme includes a Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) at Clause 02 and the amendment seeks to introduce or amend a local planning policy in the PPF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the new or amended local planning policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – respond to a demonstrated need? – implement a strategic direction in the MPS? – relate to a specific discretion or group of discretions in the planning scheme? – assist the responsible authority to make a decision? – (assist any other person to understand whether a proposal is likely to be supported? • Does the amendment affect any existing local planning policy or tool? • Is a local planning policy necessary OR is the issue adequately covered by another planning tool or decision guideline? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Builds on the State sections by providing local directions.
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Does the amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the amendment implement or support the MSS? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>support or implement the LPPF?</p> <p>*This strategic consideration only applies if the planning scheme includes an LPPF at Clause 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment seek to change the objectives or strategies of the MSS? If so, what is the change? What effect will any change to the MSS have on the rest of the MSS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the amendment consistent/inconsistent with strategic directions elsewhere in the MSS? Has the cumulative effect of this amendment on the strategic directions in the MSS been considered? Does the new or amended local planning policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> respond to a demonstrated need? implement an objective or strategy in the MSS? relate to a specific discretion or group of discretions in the scheme? assist the responsible authority to make a decision? assist any other person to understand whether a proposal is likely to be supported? Does the amendment affect any existing local planning policy or tool? Is a local planning policy necessary OR is the issue covered by another planning tool or decision guideline? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple changes to improve the objectives and strategies of the MSS. All are appropriate.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cumulative impact meets objectives of the strategy.
					Responds to need for more local jobs, and higher density activity centres.
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provides greater clarity in decision making.
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<p>Does the amendment support or implement the MPS?</p> <p>*This strategic consideration only applies if the planning scheme includes an MPS at Clause 02</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does the amendment seek to implement or support the MPS? Does the amendment seek to change the strategic directions of the MPS? If so, what is the change? What effect will any change to the MPS have on the rest of the MPS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the amendment consistent/inconsistent with strategic directions elsewhere in the MPS? Is the amendment consistent/inconsistent with strategic directions elsewhere in the MPS? What is the cumulative effect of this amendment on the other directions in the MPS? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Does the amendment make proper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment use the most appropriate VPP tool to achieve the strategic objective of the scheme? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

use of the VPP?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the amendment affect, conflict with or duplicate another existing provision in the planning scheme that deals with the same land, use or development? If so, have the provisions been reconciled? Does the control capture matters that do not specifically relate to the purpose or objectives of the control or matters that should not be dealt with under planning? Does the amendment make any existing provision in the planning scheme redundant? Is the amendment consistent with any relevant planning practice note? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
How does the amendment address the views of any relevant agency?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have the views of any relevant agency been addressed? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	VPA consulted and accommodated.
Does the amendment address the requirements of the <i>Transport Integration Act 2010</i> (TIA)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the amendment likely to have a significant impact on the transport system as defined by section 3 of the TIA? If so, explain how the amendment addresses the transport system objectives and decision-making principles set out in Part 2, Divisions 2 and 3 of the TIA. Are there any applicable statements of policy principles prepared under section 22 of the TIA? If so, assess how the amendment addresses any specified policy principles that apply to the proposal. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
What impact will the new planning provisions have on the resource and administrative costs of the responsible authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the council considered the cost implications in implementing and administering the new planning provisions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> estimated increase in number of planning permit applications planning staff resources other miscellaneous costs including legal or other professional advice, for example, heritage advisers capacity to consider the new application within the prescribed time? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The amendment does not change any permit triggers, only policy.</p> <p>The amendment should provide for clearer decision making.</p> <p>The amendment provides greater guidance around urban design. In practice the amendment should not result in any additional referral to Council's Urban Design Department, as any applications the policy applies to are already referred.</p>