

CASEY PLANNING SCHEME 2022 Review REPORT

October 2022

Executive Summary

Council, as the planning authority for the Casey Planning Scheme, is required to review its planning scheme every four years under Section 12(B) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act), to ensure its continued effectiveness and efficiency.

A comprehensive review of the planning scheme was completed in 2018. Key findings of the 2018 review have been translated into the planning scheme via multiple amendments, including Amendments C198case and C258case, some recommendations are still in the process of being implemented such as Amendment C284case – an important amendment which proposes to translate the existing Casey Planning Scheme into the new Planning Policy Framework (PPF) (also known as the PPF Translation Project).

The significant progress that has been made in implementing the 2018 review recommendations and the ongoing PPF Translation Project means completion of another comprehensive planning scheme review is unwarranted. Therefore, this report has been prepared to meet Council's statutory responsibilities under the Act, by providing a smaller targeted review (the Review) of the Casey Planning Scheme.

The Review found that of the 78 actions/tasks identified in the previous 2018 Planning Scheme Review, approximately 70% of the actions have either been completed, or are underway.

A number of strategic gaps in the Casey Planning Scheme have also been identified as part of this Review and it is recommended that the gaps be addressed over time as part of Council's future strategic planning work program and resourcing considerations.

Introduction

1.1 Background

The Casey Planning Scheme is a statutory document (subordinate legislation) under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). It sets out the objectives, policies and provisions for the use, development and protection of land within the municipality of Casey. It contains both strategic directions as well as detailed policies and provisions, providing State, regional and local policy and controls to guide land use and development for all land within the municipality.

Council, as the planning authority for the Casey Planning Scheme, is required to review its planning scheme every four years under Section 12(B) of the Act, to ensure its continued effectiveness and efficiency.

Council last undertook a comprehensive review of the planning scheme in 2018. Whilst some findings of the 2018 review have been translated into the planning scheme via multiple amendments, including most notably Amendments C198case and C258case, some recommendations are still in the process of

- *Strategic opportunities*: These are opportunities that will improve the effectiveness of the Casey Planning Scheme and simplify its operation. Some of these are already within current work priorities of relevant service areas.
- *Continuous improvement processes*: Improvement of internal processes that impact on the management and operation of the Planning Scheme to streamline decision-making.

2.2 Progress since last review

Since the Planning Scheme Review adoption in 2018, Council Officers have been actively working through the list of actions / tasks.

Section 4.3 of this report outlines the implementation of the recommendations of the 2018 Planning Scheme Review. It details the actions completed, underway, ongoing, planning but not yet commenced, not yet planned or applicable. An overview of the status is also summarized in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Recommendations of Planning Scheme Review and status

Status of actions / tasks	%
<i>Complete</i>	48%
<i>Ongoing</i>	8%
<i>Underway</i>	20%
<i>Planned, but not yet commenced</i>	15%
<i>Not yet planned</i>	5%
<i>N/A</i>	4%

3.1 Project Scope

Taking into account of the separate ongoing PPF translation project and associated proposed planning scheme amended, and to meet Council’s statutory obligations under the Act, the 2022 Casey Planning Scheme Review seeks to:

- Review the status of the recommendations from the 2018 Planning Scheme Review
- Identify and ensure alignment of the planning scheme with the Council Plan 2021-2025 and Vision
- Identify strategic gaps in the planning scheme that will need Council consideration for future strategic planning work program
- Produce a written report addressing all of the above which will inform the necessary reporting requirements to Council and the Minister for Planning

The following is NOT included within the scope of this review:

- » Full audit/review of all the planning scheme controls, reference or incorporated documents
- » External community consultation
- » Full audit/review of internal statutory and strategic planning processes, or an audit of planning processes against statutory timeframes and industry benchmarks.

3.2 Project Methodology

The Review project plan is generally consistent with the suggested methodology in the *Continuous Improvement Review Kit (DSE, 2006)* and *PPN32: Review of Planning Schemes (DPCD, 2015)*, with a shortened version of the methodology to suit the smaller nature of the 2022 review. The table below Table lists the tasks undertaken in each stage of the review.

Table 2: Project Methodology - Casey Planning Scheme Review 2022

Stage	Tasks
1. Scope the review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Project Scope • Refer to the <i>Continuous Improvement Review Kit (DPCD, 2006)</i> • Refer to relevant Planning Practice notes & Ministerial Directions • Refer to <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> Section 12B • Refer to draft Casey Planning Scheme Amendment C284case
2. Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Casey Planning Scheme and relevant State Government amendments approved since 2018 (VC, GC and C) • Compile a list of current, recently completed and proposed strategic projects • Compile a list of ongoing and future strategic work • Consider current Council Plan and key strategies adopted by Council since 2018
3. Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops with internal stakeholders who have an interest in landuse planning as it relates to the Casey Planning Scheme

Stage	Tasks
4. Review & Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an audit of the status of 'further strategic work' identified in the Casey Planning Scheme • Prepare an audit of the status of recommendations from 2018 Planning Scheme Review • Identify strategic policy gaps • Review of all Casey Planning Scheme and State Government amendments approved since 2018
5. Report the review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council endorsement of Planning Scheme Review 2022 report • Recommend actions in response to planning scheme review outcomes • Submit the Casey Planning Scheme Review Report 2022 to the Minister for Planning

3.3 Methods of Consultation

There are no prescribed formal consultation processes under the Act associated with a review of the planning scheme.

There was no specific external community consultation as part of this planning scheme review process. The reasons for this were:

- The Review is a smaller targeted review of the Casey Planning Scheme with a procedural status update of the recommendations from the 2018 review.
- The development of the *Council Plan 2021-2025* and the *Council Vision* were based on extensive community consultation processes. These processes have informed Council's current strategic priorities and visioning, and in turn inform this Review.
- The ongoing PPF project (draft Amendment C284case) will be subject to future consultation processes, as required to meet statutory requirements under the Act.

Given the above context, this Review process has used more targeted consultation, focusing on an extensive internal engagement program with Council staff, as outlined below.

3.4 Internal stakeholder consultation

Consultation for the Review has focused on an internal consultation program with all relevant internal stakeholders who are responsible for the shared implementation of the 2018 recommendations.

A number of workshops were held in August and September 2022 via Microsoft Teams, attended by internal stakeholders from the following service areas of Council:

- Statutory Planning
- Recreation and Open Space Planning
- Environment and Heritage
- Sustainable City (transport, integrated water management and sustainability)
- City Presentation (landscape planning)
- Community Facilities and Social Planning
- City Design
- City Economy
- Growth Area Planning
- Building
- City Strategy

4.3 Status of recommendations from the 2018 Planning Scheme Review

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REQUIRED STRATEGIC PROJECTS Strategic projects that need to be completed to meet organisational priorities and State Government requirements, that will have the greatest impact on the operation and efficiency of the Casey Planning Scheme				
1	Ministerial Amendment Prepare a planning scheme amendment for Ministerial approval to include recommendations arising from this review that will improve the efficiencies and operation of the Casey Planning Scheme and do not require public notification (in accordance with the provisions of section 20(4) of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> .	Content of the Stage 1 Ministerial amendment to be informed by the discussion and recommendations contained within this report and the Reducing Red Tape Report, and should include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Remove all redundant Development Plan Overlays (DPO) where they have been identified as no longer being required to guide development within a specific area. 1.2 Remove all redundant Land Subject to Inundation Overlays (LISO) where land has been filled and had Certificates of Compliance issued, to avoid the need for further Report and Consent applications for buildings in areas liable to flooding. 1.3 Remove local policies at Clause 22.05 - <i>Stormwater Policy</i>, Clause 22.06 - <i>Telecommunications Facilities</i> and Clause 22.07 - <i>Satellite Dishes</i>. They are outdated and have been superseded by State legislation and relevant Codes of Practice. 1.4 Remove all reference documents considered to be superseded or obsolete as identified in this report, where removal will not impact on current planning assessments and decision-making. 1.5 Remove outdated references to superseded external legislation, policies, guidelines, and organisational names, and replace with the updated references, where relevant. 	HIGH	<p>1.1 Planned but not yet commenced – the review of DPO is scheduled as part of the 2022/23 strategic planning work program and works are likely commence in early 2023 or mid 2023</p> <p>1.2 Underway – Council Officers are in the process of updating flood mapping in consultation with Melbourne Water. Redundant LSIOs will be removed as part of a future planning scheme amendment process which is scheduled as part of the 2024/25 strategic planning work plan</p> <p>1.3 Completed – Clause 22.05 Stormwater Policy, Clause 22.06 Telecommunications Facilities and Clause 22.07 Satellite Dishes have all been removed as part of Amendment C265case which was gazetted on 11 June 2020.</p> <p>1.4 to 1.6 Underway – Outdated documents and references are to be removed as part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case</p>

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		1.6 Remove all redundant “further strategic work” and “further actions” in the planning scheme, as identified in this report as no longer being relevant to planning decisions and/or organisational priorities.		
2	<p>Municipal Planning Strategy</p> <p>Prepare a new Municipal Planning Strategy to replace the existing Municipal Strategic Statement, in accordance with the new format and structure of the Victoria Planning Provisions</p>	2.1 This should be a concise and focused statement of the City of Casey’s planning context and strategic framework and priorities, informed primarily by the Council Plan 2017-2022, long term vision and other key corporate strategies relevant to achieving land use and development planning outcomes for the municipality.	<p>HIGH</p> <p><i>(To be aligned with State Government timing for proposed new PPF)</i></p>	2.1 Underway - New MPS is included as part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case
3	<p>Planning Policy Framework (PPF)</p> <p>Prepare a new Planning Policy Framework for the Casey Planning Scheme in accordance with the new format and structure of the Victoria Planning Provisions</p>	<p>Content of the Stage 2 Council amendment to be informed by the discussion and recommendations contained within this report and the Reducing Red Tape Report, and should include:</p> <p>3.1 Undertake a full review of all existing content in the MSS, local policies and zone and overlay schedules, informed by the discussion and recommendations contained within this report and the Reducing Red Tape Report, the Council Plan 2017-2022, long term vision and other key corporate strategies relevant to achieving land use and development planning outcomes for the municipality.</p> <p>3.2 Translate existing relevant content into the new PPF structure (in joint exercise with DELWP). Existing content should only be retained where it is still genuinely required to inform and support planning decisions, and/or can be identified to form part of Council’s current adopted policy framework.</p> <p>3.3 Introduce new content, as relevant, to implement key corporate strategies and address strategic gaps, supported by relevant strategies, policies and plans which are adopted by Council. Include as new background</p>	<p>HIGH</p> <p><i>(To be aligned with State Government timing for proposed new PPF)</i></p>	3.1 to 3.5 Underway - A new PPF is included as part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case

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		<p>documents (as appropriate). This should include, but is not limited to, relevant content from the adopted strategies and plans referred to in this report, which includes (but is not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Plan 2017-2021 • Council Vision - Creating A Great City • Integrated Transport Strategy • Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy • Community Facilities Plan • Heritage Strategy • Open Space Strategy • Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan • Electronic Gaming Policy • Equestrian Strategy • Paths and Trails Strategy • <p>3.4 Removal of all superseded or obsolete reference documents as identified in this report not included within the Stage 1 Ministerial Amendment at Recommendation 1.</p> <p>3.5 Include all other work identified in this report and in the Reducing Red Tap report as suitable for inclusion within the Stage 2 Council amendment.</p>		
4	<p>Housing Strategy</p> <p>Finalise the implementation of the Housing Strategy via Amendment C198 and identify and progress further strategic work arising from the Housing Strategy, to address organisational priorities</p>	<p><u>Part 1:</u></p> <p>4.1 Following receipt of the panel report, finalising this project through the approval of Amendment C198 will complete a major strategic project for Casey which has a significant impact on the strategic direction and local content in the planning scheme.</p> <p>4.2 Update the Housing Strategy to reflect current housing market and demographic data and incorporate the <i>Housing Diversity Statement</i> together with other agreed recommendations from the panel report.</p> <p><u>Part 2:</u></p>	<p>Part 1: HIGH</p>	<p>4.1 & 4.2 Completed – the Housing Strategy was implemented into the planning scheme as part of Amendment C198case, which was gazetted on 29 November 2019</p> <p>4.3 Planned but not yet commenced – the review of DPO is scheduled as part of the 2022/23 strategic planning work program and works are likely commence in early 2023 or mid 2023</p>

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		<p>Identify and progress further strategic work priorities arising from the Housing Strategy, including:</p> <p>4.3 Review of Development Plans and Structure Plans, based on organisational priorities</p> <p>4.4 Additional policy guidance on location, design and operational principles for aged care facilities in low density residential areas or areas outside the urban growth areas. (Does not need to be a full policy regime that requires significant strategic work. It should provide targeted objectives/ strategies for inclusion in the PPF, which is supported by broader housing policy contained within the Housing Strategy).</p> <p>4.5 Affordable housing</p> <p>4.6 Neighbourhood character investigation may be required in some residential areas (in conjunction with Recommendation 9).</p> <p>4.7 Planning controls to progress landscape character work completed within Casey Foothills and LDRZ (in conjunction with Recommendation 14)</p>	<p>Part 2: MEDIUM-LOW</p>	<p>4.4 Not applicable – Council officers undertook an investigation on this aged care facility issue and it has been found that further strategic planning work is not warranted.</p> <p>4.5 Completed – An Affordable Housing Strategy was adopted by Council on 15 December 2020.</p> <p>4.6 Planned but not yet commenced – An investigation on the neighbourhood character will be undertaken by Council’s Urban Design team as part of ‘Casey Places’ project, which is likely to be scheduled for the 2023/2024 financial year</p> <p>4.7 Planned but not yet commenced – A landscape character study for Casey Foothills was completed by Hansen Partnership in 2014 and subsequently adopted by Council. This study will be used to inform Council’s future Southern Ranges Green Wedge Management Plan</p>

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	Identify opportunities to participate in collaborative regional initiatives on strategic planning issues	<p>underway, and new opportunities for regional collaboration. It should include consideration of the regional initiatives already underway and likely to arise from Plan Melbourne and its five-year implementation plan which will impact on Casey.</p> <p>6.2 It should identify how the benefits of a regional approach can be most effectively realised and aligned with Council's own project scoping and resourcing for key strategic planning issues.</p> <p>6.3 A significant regional project will be the Southern Metropolitan Land Use Framework, managed by DELWP. This work will be incorporated as regional policy in the planning scheme.</p>		<p>significant implications on the City of Casey. Findings of the plan have been used to inform strategic planning projects.</p> <p>Council officers have been in discussions with DELWP and adjoining Councils regarding a joint approach to the preparation of the Southern Ranges Green Wedge Management Plan</p> <p>6.2 Completed – Casey City Council is part of the Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) working group, which is a group advocates for jobs, infrastructure, investment, liveability, sustainability and wellbeing for the southeast and everyone who works and lives in the region</p> <p>GSEM includes the shires of Cardinia and Mornington Peninsula, and the cities of Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Kingston, Knox and Monash</p> <p>Council Officers have been involved in the South East Economic Corridor Strategic Context Report process</p> <p>6.3 Underway – Council officers have provided feedback to the draft Southern Metropolitan Land Use Framework Plan that is being finalised by DELWP and is expected to be incorporated in the planning scheme in FY2023/2024</p>
7	<p>Regional Employment Study</p> <p>Undertake a Regional Employment Study to inform and support key</p>	<p>7.1 This is a current Council Plan initiative (Strategic Objective 5 – Action 1), and is an important priority for Casey.</p> <p>7.2 It should provide an economic and employment land evidence base, updated statistics, key influences and drivers of change within the employment sectors, and</p>	HIGH	<p>7.1 & 7.2 Completed – An Economic Development Strategy 2021-25 was adopted by Council on 19 October 2021.</p> <p>7.3 Completed - Casey City Council is part of the Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM)</p>

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	economic activities and planning decisions	<p>identification of current and future opportunities for employment land within Casey. It will inform Casey's key economic initiatives, strategic economic directions in both growth areas and established areas, and planning decisions/rezonings relating to employment uses.</p> <p>7.3 It should include consideration of regional collaboration opportunities identified under Recommendation 6.</p>		working group, which is a group advocates for jobs and investment
8	<p>Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD)</p> <p>Undertake strategic work to introduce an appropriate ESD framework into the Planning scheme</p>	<p>8.1 This is an important Council priority, supported by the Council Plan and Vision, with Casey currently lagging behind many other Councils in 13 organization ESD outcomes within its planning scheme.</p> <p>8.2 Need to identify strategic work required to introduce an effective ESD framework and principles into the planning scheme. The policy framework is expected to be modelled on other Councils with an approved ESD policy, tailored to meet Casey's specific requirements.</p> <p>8.3 It should include consideration of regional collaboration opportunities identified under Recommendation 6, including participating in a GC amendment with other Councils to pursue a Ministerial amendment.</p>	HIGH	<p>8.1 Completed – statewide policies were introduced to all the planning schemes in Victoria (including Casey) to support ESD, as part of Amendment VC216 which was gazetted on 10 June 2022.</p> <p>8.2 Underway – as part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case, a new ESD local policy will be included</p> <p>8.3 Completed – the new ESD local policy to be introduced to the soon to be exhibited Scheme as part of the PPF translation projection / draft Amendment C284case has been drafted using a template developed between DELWP and the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE). This is considered as a regional collaboration opportunity, as a similar policy is already in place in a number of Victorian councils. A recent Amendment VC221 was introduced to all the Scheme in Victoria (including Casey) in August 2022, which seeks to facilitate all electric developments to support implementation of Victoria's climate Change Strategy 2021 and Gas Substitution Roadmap 2022.</p>

				10.3 & 10.4 Planned but not yet commenced – the introduction of a more comprehensive urban design framework into the scheme will be subject to Council’s future ‘Casey Images’ project being completed in due course
11	<p>Advertising Signs Policy</p> <p>Review of Advertising Signs Local policy, focusing on key sign types and local areas which would benefit most from additional policy direction</p>	<p>11.1 Review Advertising Signs Policy, focusing on providing greater policy direction for specific signs, such as large freestanding billboard signs.</p> <p>11.2 Identifying local areas/activity centres which may need specific and more targeted policy direction on advertising signs. This should include identifying where existing strategic work has already been done (such as within structure plans), but which has not been directly translated into the scheme.</p> <p>11.3 Give consideration as to how advertising sign policy requirements are most effectively translated into the new PPF, to inform Recommendation 3.</p>	HIGH	<p>11.1 Completed – Adverting Signs Design Guide completed and adopted by Council in September 2021. A planning scheme amendment may not be required to implement the guide</p> <p>11.2 Completed – policy direction on advertising signs were included as part of Amendment C275 (Cranbourne Structure Plan) which is awaiting approval from the Minister for Planning at the time of writing, as well as Amendment C224 (Fountain Gate-Narre Warren CBD Structure Plan) which was gazetted on 25 July 2019.</p> <p>11.3 Not planned – the recently adopted Advertising Signs Policy is not required to be included as part of the current soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case</p>
12	<p>Non-Residential Uses in Residential Areas and Future Residential Areas Policy</p> <p>Review policy, focusing on guidance for land use types and locational principles</p>	<p>12.1 Review policy and remove all redundant provisions now superseded by other provisions in the planning scheme.</p> <p>12.2 Review existing content and provide new content only where it will effectively inform planning decisions.</p> <p>12.3 Ensure all relevant content from reference documents had been translated into policy and remove reference documents.</p>	HIGH	<p>12. 1 to 12.4 – All Completed – policy relating to non-residential uses in residential and future residential areas (Clause 22.02) has been updated, as part of Amendment C258case to the planning scheme which was gazetted on 28 January 2021.</p>

	which will most effectively inform planning decisions	12.4 Give consideration as to how policy requirements are most effectively translated into the new PPF, to inform Recommendation 3.		
13	Electronic Gaming Machines Strategy Implement relevant electronic gaming machine policies into the planning scheme to further support planning decisions on the location, design and operation of gaming venues	13.1 Translation of relevant content of existing Electronic Gaming Machines Strategy which informs planning decisions into new PPF (to inform Recommendation 3). 13.2 As part of the future review of the Electronic Gaming Machines Strategy (scheduled for 2020), consider opportunities to broaden the planning-related content in the policy. 13.3 A review of recently adopted policies at other Councils, and recent panel/VCGLR decision should be undertaken to understand the current context, scope and reasonable expectations of what the planning system can legitimately influence, including community benefit assessments. 13.4 Focus on identifying how to implement relevant gaming policy into the planning scheme most effectively, with targeted objective/s and strategies to guide the location, design and operation of gaming venues to minimise harm, rather than introducing an extensive policy regime.	LOW	13.1 Underway – The relevant content of the existing Electronic Gaming Machines Strategy has been translated into the soon to be exhibited PPF, as part of the PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case 13.2 Underway – The review of the Electronic Gaming Machines Strategy is scheduled as part of the 2022/2023 Social Planning work plan. A background report has now been completed by SGS Economics and Planning consultant 13.3 Completed – the review of adopted policies has been undertaken and has informed the current review of the Electronic Gaming Machine Strategy and soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / Amendment C284case. 13.4 Completed – a new Schedule to Clause 52.28 (Gaming) has been included as part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case to guide the location, design and operation of gaming venues
14	Review of environmental and significant landscape controls Undertake review of existing policies and prioritise and undertake further work required to address strategic gaps, to provide a coordinated response to landscape and	Understand the breadth and scope of work already completed within areas affected by environmental and significant landscape overlays, and prioritise and undertake further work to address strategic gaps, to inform a coordinated planning response to these areas of Casey. This should include (but is not limited to) consideration of: 14.1 Green Wedge Management Plan recommendations (high priority).	MEDIUM	14.1 – Completed – recommendations from the Green Wedge Management Plan have been considered as part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case 14.2 – Planned but not yet commenced – Council’s Urban Design team is to undertake ‘Casey Places’ neighborhood study which will include township areas. This work is likely to

	<p>environmental issues across Casey to meet 17rganizational priorities</p>	<p>14.2 Previous work done on Township Plans and neighbourhood character within township areas. 14.3 Climate change and coastal inundation strategies for the Westernport coastal areas in Casey. 14.4 Build on landscape studies already completed in Casey Foothills area and any further work required to preserve unique landscape character elements of the Casey Foothills, including land within the LDRZ. 14.5 Introducing permit triggers for vegetation removal across all SLOs, which currently do not have such triggers. 14.6 Alignment of environment/landscape outcomes with recommendations of Reducing Red Tape Report to consider opportunities to reduce permit triggers for buildings and works in SLOs and ESOs. 14.7 Review of Non-Agricultural Uses in Green Wedge Areas Policy. 14.8 Any other strategic work arising from the above. 14.9 Prioritisation and progression of strategic work affecting environmental and significant landscape areas should be linked to organizational priorities and resourcing.</p>		<p>be scheduled as part of the 2023/2024 urban design work plan (subject to budget)</p> <p>14.3 – Completed - Climate change and coastal inundation strategies for the Westernport coastal areas in Casey have been partially addressed in the existing Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan</p> <p>14.4 – Planned but not yet commenced - A landscape character study for Casey Foothills was completed by Hansen Partnership in 2014 and subsequently adopted by Council. This study will be used to inform Council's future Southern Ranges Green Wedge Management Plan</p> <p>14.5 – Not yet planned</p> <p>14.6 – Not yet planned but may be considered as part of the broader ESO review being carried out by the Environment and Sustainability team</p> <p>14.7 – Completed – A non-agricultural uses in green wedge areas policy is included in the soon to be exhibited PPF translation projection / draft Amendment C284case</p> <p>14.8 – Not applicable</p> <p>14.9 – Ongoing</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Bushfire Management Policy position Review Council's policy position on bushfire management provisions for new residential subdivision, in response to recent changes to State policy</p>	<p>15.1 Review Council's policy position on bushfire management for new residential subdivisions in response to recent changes to Statewide bushfire management provisions, made through Amendments VC132, GC13 and VC140 15.2 Progress consideration of Amendment C231 in response to Council's updated policy position.</p>	<p>HIGH</p>	<p>15.1 and 15.2 – Completed as part of Amendment C231 which was gazetted on 20 May 2021</p>

16	Heritage Policies Identify targeted actions required to update and strengthen heritage strategies and planning controls for identified heritage places in Casey	<u>Part 1:</u> 16.1 Identify heritage strategies that can be implemented into the new PPF, based on existing adopted strategies, to strengthen heritage outcomes in planning decisions without the need for new strategic work. This should be included within new PPF (Recommendation 3). <u>Part 2:</u> 16.2 Consolidating existing heritage work and updating Heritage Strategy. 16.3 Identify and implement updated heritage mapping and statements of significance for properties currently within Heritage Overlay. 16.4 Identify and implement new heritage protection for places of heritage significance not currently in the Heritage Overlay, including mapping and statements of significance. 16.5 Identify work required to better understand Aboriginal cultural heritage significance in Casey, and how that can best inform planning outcomes.	Part 1: HIGH	16.1 – Completed – adopted heritage strategies have been implemented into the soon to be exhibited PPF, as part of the PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case
			Part 2: MEDIUM – LOW	16.2 to 16.5 – Completed – all the relevant heritage work have been completed via the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment C229case corrects mapping errors in the Heritage Overlay on an interim basis until 30 March 2021, inserts a new incorporated document Statements of Significance, Willurah Park, March 2019 and makes various permanent administrative corrections to the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay. Amendment C229case was gazetted on 12 December 2019 • Amendment C230case amends the Schedule to Clause 43.01 (heritage overlay) and incorporates Statement of Significance into the planning scheme for four of the heritage overlays being corrected. Amendment C230case was gazetted on 4 August 2021 • Amendment C265case implements the first stage of the Casey Planning Scheme Review 2018 by making various corrections to provisions, deleting redundant overlays, rezoning council-owned reserves, removing obsolete reference documents and policy content. Amendment C265case was gazetted on 11 June 2020

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment C275case proposes to implement the Cranbourne Major Activity Centre Structure Plan 2020, Casey Complex Urban Design Framework 2019 and Cranbourne Town Centre Heritage Overlay Review June 2020 by introducing a new schedule to the Activity Centre Zone and schedule to the Parking Overlay, updating the schedule to the Heritage Overlay and making other consequential updates to the planning scheme. Amendment C275 is awaiting decision from the Minister for Planning • Amendment C278case implements the Cranbourne Town Centre Heritage Overlays Review June 2020 by extending the Heritage Overlay and apply additional controls in the Schedule to Clause 43.01 on an interim basis until 30 June 2022. Amendment C278case was gazetted on 6 October 2021 • Amendment C288case seeks to vary the Schedule to Clause 43.01 (Heritage Overlay) (HO134) to include the existing significant elements of cultural heritage value at 75S Tuckers Road, Clyde or Fernlea. Amendment C288case is awaiting decision from the Minister for Planning
<h3 style="margin: 0;">CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Improvement of internal processes which impact on the management and operation of the planning scheme to streamline internal procedures and decision-making</p>				
17	New Policy: Management of Planning Scheme Amendment Requests	17.1 Prepare a policy to address the management of private planning scheme amendment requests, generally in accordance with the recommendations contained within the Reducing Red Tape Report, and to include:	MEDIUM	17.1 to 17.3 – Completed – A ‘Proponent requested planning scheme amendment policy’ was adopted by Council on 20 April 2021 to address the management of private planning scheme amendment requests. The

	<p>Prepare a policy/protocol to address management and organizational of private planning scheme amendment requests and consideration of resourcing of development plan preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements for pre-application processes and fully documented planning scheme amendment requests; • Prioritisation and progression of amendment requests according to meeting a net community benefit test and achievement of strategic direction of Council; and, • Commitment of the proponent to pay all relevant Council costs for public notification, peer review of technical reports, panel hearing and other associated costs. <p>17.2 Implement as soon as is practical, to inform all future amendment requests and inform business planning processes.</p> <p>17.3 Consideration should also be given, either as part of the above policy or as a separate guideline/internal protocol, to explore opportunities for resourcing/ organizational of proponent-led development plans.</p>		<p>policy now applies to all private planning scheme amendment requests and includes funding considerations</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Continuous Improvement Program</p> <p>Implement a continuous improvement program to improve the planning scheme review process</p>	<p>Continuous Improvement program should include:</p> <p>18.1 Regular four-yearly planning scheme review processes that meet statutory requirements under the P&E Act should be embedded into Council's business planning processes.</p> <p>18.2 Introduction of a mid-cycle review and performance monitoring processes (either annually or bi-annually) to facilitate mini-audits of the planning scheme between the statutory four-yearly cycle. This should include an analysis of VCAT and panel decisions, new State government legislation and policies, changing Council priorities, outcomes from any consultation processes, and a re-assessment of the recommendations arising from the last four-yearly statutory review in light of that changing context. These outcomes should then be used to inform business plans/project priorities on a more regular basis.</p> <p>18.3 Greater collaboration between statutory and strategic planning staff on an ongoing basis to monitor planning issues and provide feedback into both the four-yearly and the mid-cycle planning scheme review processes.</p>	<p>MEDIUM</p>	<p>18.1 – Ongoing – The Casey Planning Scheme is now being regularly reviewed. This current 2022 planning scheme review forms part of the process</p> <p>18.2 – Not applicable – Mid cycle review is not considered feasible due to resource constraints</p> <p>18.3 – Completed – Working groups have been established between statutory and strategic planning staff for strategic projects to ensure greater collaboration. Also, training sessions are being conducted via Future Casey Training on new planning process or controls. Strategic planning staff now also regularly attend meetings with statutory planners to ensure planning issues are being monitored and kept up to date.</p>

19	<p>Council Policy and Reference Document review process</p> <p>Implement improved internal processes to review and update policies and reference documents</p>	<p>19.1 Ensure more regular review of all Council policies that are also reference documents in the planning scheme to meet organizational review standards, and to ensure they maintain their currency and continue to inform planning decisions in a relevant and meaningful way.</p> <p>19.2 Liaise with the Governance team to facilitate improved alignment to organisational review processes, so that Council policies that are updated or deleted from the policy register and also form part of the planning scheme can be better managed.</p> <p>19.3 Liaise with the Governance team to put in place procedures to ensure all reference documents, incorporated documents and development plans referred to in the planning scheme are available on Council's website (either as direct links or links to other websites where relevant), along with an explanation to the public of how they are relevant to the planning scheme.</p>	MEDIUM	<p>19.1 – Ongoing – Council Officers have commenced a lifecycle framework review project to regularly review Council policies that are also reference documents in the planning scheme and to ensure their currency. A review of the reference documents has been undertaken as part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case</p> <p>19.2 – Completed – A reference document library has now been established to ensure currency of the document</p> <p>19.3 – Ongoing – As part of Council's lifecycle framework review project, procedures will be developed to ensure all the relevant Casey Planning Scheme documents are available on Council's website</p>
20	<p>Alignment of planning scheme and Council Plan reviews</p> <p>Alignment of Casey Planning Scheme and Council Plan review processes</p>	<p>20.1 Timing of the statutory four-yearly planning scheme review should coincide more closely with the development of a new Council Plan (or shortly thereafter) to ensure greater alignment with both the Council Plan and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, and for consultation outcomes of the Council Plan to inform the Planning Scheme Review.</p> <p>20.2 Following preparation and adoption of a new Municipal Planning Strategy (as required to be undertaken in 2019 to meet legislative requirements for the new format and structure of all planning schemes), it should be elevated to sit alongside the Council Plan with the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan to become the “land use and development strategy” for Council.</p>	LOW	<p>20.1 Ongoing – the latest Council Plan was adopted by Council in June 2022</p> <p>20.2 Ongoing – the new MPS is still in draft format and is part of the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case</p>

4.4 Strategic Gaps and Opportunities

Strategic gaps

Based on the consultation and the research analysis, there are a number of strategic policy gaps in the Casey Planning Scheme that have not yet been completed, identified as strategic planning work or council projects. The draft schedule to Clause 74.02 *Further Strategic Work* in the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / draft Amendment C284case has also been used as a key source document.

- Review Development Plans and Development Plan Overlay Schedules to ensure these remain contemporary
- Review and update:
 - The Casey Image Strategy/ Casey Images with a focus on neighbourhood character studies
 - The Open Space Strategy
 - The Parking Strategy to investigate function of car parking in selected activity centres
 - The Landscape Policy
 - The Rural Drainage Policy
 - The Heritage Overlay Schedule and undertake heritage place gap analysis
 - The Affordable Housing Strategy in 2024
- Prepare Southern Ranges Green Wedge Management Plan including a review of the Casey Foothills environmental and landscape overlays
- Prepare a future planning scheme amendment implementing:
 - Local geomorphological assessments via mapping and associated controls
 - municipal flooding control changes in coastal and non-coastal areas in partnership with relevant authorities
- Prepare Pearcedale, Harkaway, Tooradin, Warneet, Blind Bright, Cannons Creek and Narre Warren North Township Strategies
- Prepare a fix-up amendment to the Vegetation Protection Overlay in Brookland Green Estate
- Investigate:
 - opportunities to map industrial, landfill and quarry buffers to protect amenity and business operations
 - planning scheme mechanisms to protect employment land, particularly industrial land
 - expansion opportunities for Springhill, Marshall Place, Saffron Drive and The Arcade Activity Centres
 - future land use within the Cyril Beechey Lane precinct to acknowledge former landfill operations
 - the triangular area of land south of Ballarto Road and west of the Cranbourne Gardens to identify future land use opportunities acknowledging any quarrying operations
- Consider implementation of parts of the yet to be completed:
 - Coastal Strategy
 - Urban Forest Strategy
 - Electronic Gaming Strategy
 - Collison Estate Development Contribution Plan
 - Hampton Park Hill Development Plan
- Prepare (noting that these documents may not need to form part of the Scheme):
 - 'Casey Complex' Urban Design Framework
 - Autumn Place Master Plan

Conclusion and Recommendations

This Casey Planning Scheme Review Report 2022 provides a targeted review of the Casey Planning Scheme and fulfills the procedural requirement of Section 12(B) of the Act once adopted by Council.

It has been found that of the 78 actions/tasks identified in the previous 2018 Planning Scheme Review, approximately 70% of the actions have either been completed, or are underway. This is a significant achievement and the soon to be exhibited PPF translation project / Amendment C284 case will be a further milestone in reforming the Casey Planning Scheme.

A number of strategic gaps in the Casey Planning Scheme have also been identified as part of this Review and it is recommended that the gaps be addressed over time as part of Council's future strategic planning work program and resourcing considerations.

It is recommended that this Review report be forwarded to the Minister for Planning.

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