

7.1.4 PLANNING CONTROLS FOR WATERWAYS

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. **Notes the State Government’s consultation on the proposed planning controls for waterways, including Gardiners Creek.**
2. **Notes that the proposed application of the Significant Landscape Overlay to the creek environs in Monash is consistent with previous resolutions of Council to implement the *Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy 2018*.**
3. **Endorses the Officer Submission to the Department of Transport and Planning on the Planning Controls for Waterways at Attachment 1.**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to consider and endorse a submission to the Department of Transport and Planning’s (DTP) consultation on the proposed planning controls for 17 waterways, including Gardiners Creek – as set out in this report and at **Attachment 1**.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Sustainable City

Ensure an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable municipality.
Investigate and progress planning rules for tree and vegetation controls.

Enhanced Places

Improving open spaces, bushland and street trees, including prioritising biodiversity and community engagement.
Pursue a planning framework that meets Monash needs.

Good Governance

Effectively communicate and engage with the community.

BACKGROUND

The Andrews Labor Government promised at the 2022 Victorian State Election that if re-elected they would introduce planning controls on 14 key rivers and creeks in Melbourne to create wildlife corridors, protect waterways and restore the natural environment. This includes Gardiners Creek and other creeks outside the City of Monash.

Council officers attended a workshop with other Eastern Region councils on 16 November 2023, where DTP gave a broad overview of the project, details of the timing and engagement activities, and were given opportunities to contribute comments via an online map and a follow up survey.

Officers from Councils emphasised the need for consultation, particularly with affected landowners.

An update was provided to Council officers in September 2024, flagging delays and changes to the project.

DTP advised on 10 February 2025 that community consultation on the proposed waterway planning controls had commenced, that they would be sending out postcards to all occupiers within proximity of Gardiners Creek inviting submissions via the Engage Victoria platform, and that a Q+A session with Council officers would be held the following week.

Affected councils have been given the opportunity to make a submission about the proposed planning controls for waterways by 17 March 2025, with City of Monash being given an extension to 27 March 2025 to enable Council consideration.

DISCUSSION

Consultation approach by the State Government

The consultation was released allowing a little over a month for submissions to be made. Unfortunately, as part of the consultation, none of the planning documents supporting the amendment or any technical reports have been publicly released. This limits the ability for councils and the community to make informed submissions about the proposed changes to planning controls. It is also noted that only property occupiers were notified with no direct notification provided to absentee landowners, as would normally be expected to occur.

Amendment C165mona

In February 2021, Council resolved to request that *“the Minister for Planning introduce interim tree removal controls and provide authorisation for the exhibition of permanent tree removal controls in Monash as a matter of urgency”*. A request was made in May 2021 for a Ministerial Amendment to introduce the Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) on an interim basis over most of the municipality, including our creek environments. The application of the SLO was generally consistent with the interim SLO applied in the City of Whitehorse. Amendment C165mona is still with the Minister awaiting a decision after more than three and a half years.

In May 2021, the Minister refused the authorisation of Amendment C153mona (which were the permanent SLO controls awaiting authorisation, lodged in March 2020) citing the work that was being done by the State Government at the time for the Cooling and Greening provisions. However, those provisions have not progressed.

Feedback on consultation information

Council officers agree that the Significant Landscape Overlay is the best available tool within the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) to implement the controls envisaged for the waterways. Council has already attempted to use this tool for properties adjacent to the creek reserves in Amendments C153mona and C165mona.

The application of the SLO on private and public land adjoining the reserves along Gardiners Creek and to the public land along the reserves is acceptable so long as it doesn't unnecessarily constrain public land managers (e.g. Council and Melbourne Water) to undertake tree management,

construct shared paths and playgrounds, undertake drainage / flood mitigation works, or for the naturalisation of Gardiners Creek.

The permit triggers as expressed on the Engage Victoria webpage are generally supported, although noting that careful drafting is required around fences, building height and vegetation removal. The permit triggers for the waterways controls were:

- New developments or significant alterations to buildings on properties along waterways, in order to protect waterway landscapes
- The siting of a development if less than 50m from the bank of a waterway
- A development above 6 metres in height (in some specific areas, this will not apply)
- A development with a floor area greater than 50 square metres along waterways in order to protect waterway landscapes
- Changes to the ground level of 600mm or more near a waterway
- Constructing a fence (other than a visually transparent fence, such as a post and wire fence) along waterways
- The removal of native vegetation.

These matters are discussed in the Submission at **Attachment 1**. The information provided on the Engage Victoria website is provided in **Attachment 2**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The change in controls is likely to lead to a minor increase in the number of planning permit applications, however this will not be significant and is expected to be managed within current resource allocations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications to this report.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was undertaken by the State Government.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications to this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights implications to this report.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

The use and application of the Significant Landscape Overlay along Gardiners Creek is supportable and consistent with previous resolutions of Council. DTP are currently reviewing all the submissions made and will be making recommendations to the Minister for Planning in May 2025. A decision by the Minister is expected in June 2025.

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Planning Controls for Waterways Monash CC submission Part 1 [7.1.4.1 - 7 pages]
2. Engage Victoria content - Planning for our Waterways (March 2025) [7.1.4.2 - 8 pages]

Planning Controls for Waterways

Officer submission on behalf of Monash City Council

March 2025

Introduction

Monash City Council ('Council') welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the *Planning Controls for Waterways*, specifically as they apply to the environs of Gardiners Creek within our municipality boundaries in the suburbs of Burwood and Ashwood.

This submission builds upon the earlier feedback made to the survey questions on 11 October 2024.

This submission is constrained by the extremely limited time provided to respond, and the limited and sporadic nature of information shared with Council officers at the beginning of the consultation and provided within the Q+A session on 19 February 2025.

This submission highlights concerns with:

- The consultation process.
- The lack of information that would normally be expected with an amendment.
- Minor specific issues with the permit triggers and exemptions (as expressed on the Engage Victoria webpage).

Context

Council is highly supportive of the need for stronger planning controls along our creeks to protect and enhance the environmental, cultural and landscape values of the waterway.

The City of Monash contains five distinct creek environs:

- Gardiners Creek (located within Burwood and Ashwood)
- Damper Creek (located within the northern part of Mount Waverley)
- Scotchmans Creek (forming the boundary between Chadstone and Oakleigh, and within the southern half of Mount Waverley and extending into Glen Waverley)
- Dandenong Creek (forming the eastern boundary with the City of Knox)
- Mile Creek (located within Notting Hill and Mulgrave)

Strategic Work

Council has undertaken a range of strategic work over recent years in relation to environmental matters and the management of open space:

- **Monash Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy 2018** – recognising the need to strengthen both the indigenous and native landscape character values in the creek environs adjoining the waterway corridors.
- **Monash Housing Strategy 2014** – identifying the creek abuttal, creek environs and escarpment as areas for limited redevelopment potential.
- **Monash Urban Biodiversity Strategy 2018** – identifying and protecting the biodiversity values in aquatic and riparian environments of the five creeks.
- **Monash Open Space Strategy 2021** – extending, developing and marketing the potential flagship trails along Scotchmans Creek, Gardiners Creek and Dandenong Creek, and protection, enhancement and appreciation of canopy trees, habitat, flora, fauna and waterways.

Suburban Rail Loop Precinct Planning for Burwood

The Suburban Rail Loop Authority has been consulting with Cities of Monash and Whitehorse about the Vision and Precinct Plan for the area around the proposed Burwood SRL station.

Council officers have been consistent in our advocacy for the protection of the Gardiners Creek corridor and the designation of lower density development for the land adjoining the corridor, most of which is currently zoned Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 2.

The focus for growth and change should be towards Highbury Road and areas immediately proximate to the proposed station and Deakin University, and not along the creek corridor due to its environmental, cultural and aesthetic values.

Process and consultation issues

Initial workshops and stakeholder engagement

Council officers attended a workshop with other Eastern Region councils on 16 November 2023 and were provided with a broad overview of the project and details of the proposed timing and engagement with Councils. We were given the opportunity to contribute comments on a shared map, and to complete feedback via survey after the workshop.

At this meeting, it was flagged that proposed draft controls would be provided to Council in mid-2024, and finalised around November 2024. Council officers from many councils expressed feedback that DEECA/DTP should be consulting with affected landowners and occupiers.

An update was provided to Council officers in September 2024, flagging delays and changes to the project. The draft controls and maps were not provided.

Consultation

Council officers received an email on 10 February 2025 that consultation had commenced on the Planning Controls for Waterways, advice that a stakeholder information pack would be provided, and postcards would be mailed to occupiers of land adjoining the reserves along the affected creeks. A Q+A session was held on 19 February 2025 for council officers from affected councils.

The stakeholder packs, slides from the session, some draft maps (although not of Gardiners Creek), spatial data showing the extent of properties where postcards were sent, and copies of the postcards were provided by email on 19 February 2025 after the Q+A session. We were also

advised that Council had until 17 March 2025 to provide feedback on the information provided to date.

It is also noted that only property occupiers were notified with no direct notification provided to absentee landowners, as would normally be expected to occur.

Council considers that complete information, additional time and more consultation with residents and in particular landowners should have been undertaken so that all views are understood in consideration of the amendment.

A lack of detailed information

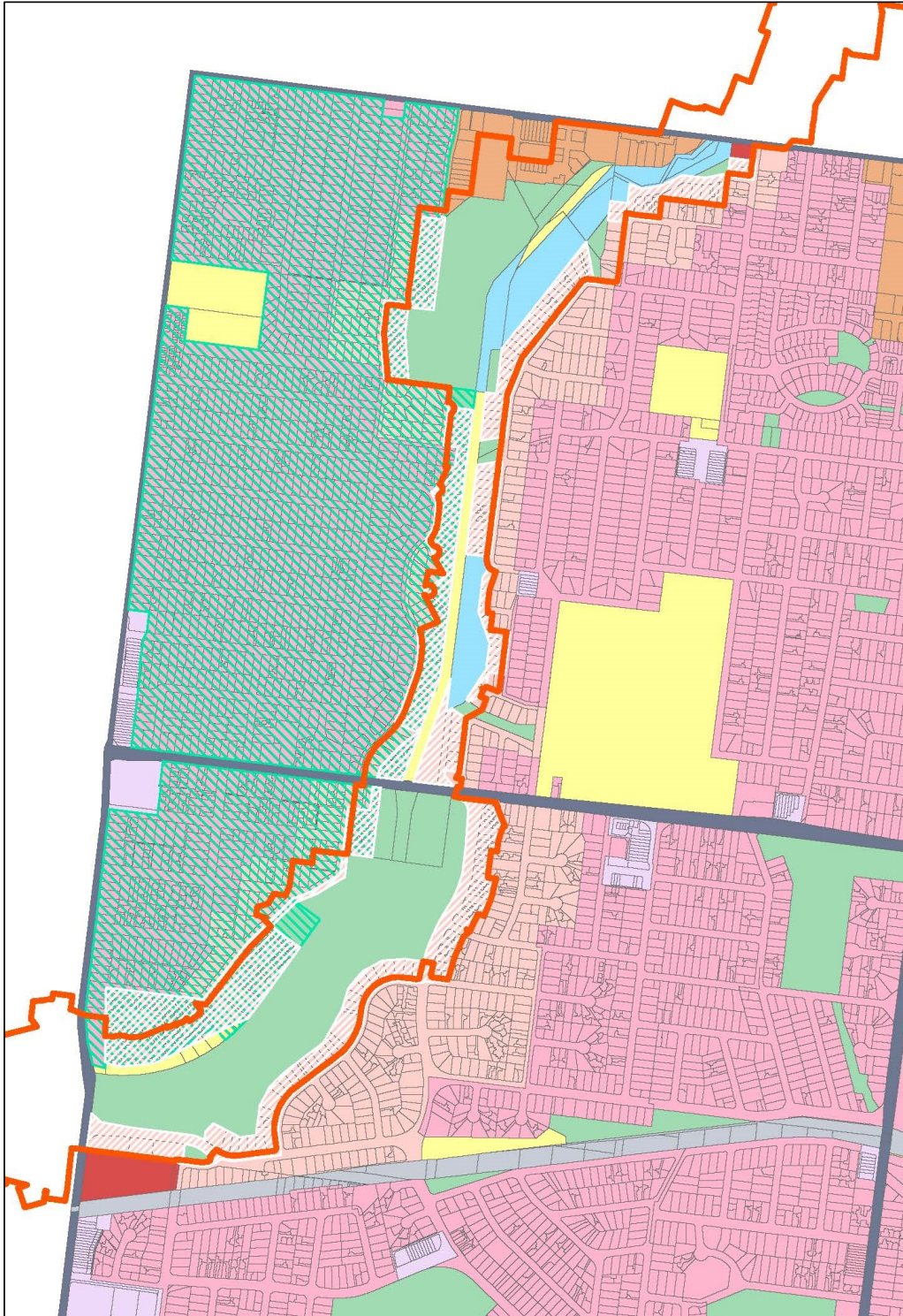
There has been a lack of publicly available information about the proposed controls, including the proposed spatial application of the Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO), proposed schedules to the SLO, and technical reports and other amendment documentation that is relied upon to strategically justify the amendment.

This means that it is difficult for the community to understand, through reading the webpage content, exactly what is proposed and how it might affect them, or even if the SLO is proposed to apply to their property.

Attachment 1.1 – Map showing extent of notification

This map overlays the extent of notification (orange outline) provided by DTP over existing zones in the Monash Planning Scheme for the Gardiners Creek corridor with NRZ2 shown in white hatch, and the VPO1 shown in teal hatch.

Attachment 1.1 – Map showing extent of notification (orange outline)



Feedback on publicly available information

The following part of the submission focuses on the information that is publicly available on the consultation webpage for 'Planning for waterways' on the Engage Victoria platform (as at 21 February 2025) (the 'webpage').

Use and application of the SLO

Council officers agree that the Significant Landscape Overlay is the best available tool within the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) to implement the controls for the waterways.

Council has already attempted to use this tool for properties adjacent to the creek reserves for Gardiners Creek, Damper Creek, Scotchmans Creek and Dandenong Creek through Amendment C153mona (permanent SLO controls refused authorisation) and Amendment C165mona (interim SLO controls currently awaiting approval by the Minister for Planning). These amendments also applied the SLO to a wider area of the municipality, in different schedules. SLO1 and SLO2 are proposed in both of these amendments to apply buildings and works and tree protection controls to the creek abuttal (i.e. NRZ2) and creek environs areas (i.e. NRZ3).

Based on the map in Attachment 1 (and the answer under the FAQ "How will I know if the new protections apply to my property"), it can be assumed that the extent of notice is reflective of the proposed application of the SLO. If this is the case, there is a high degree of consistency with what Council considers to be the creek abuttal areas as expressed in NRZ2 (and SLO1 in the above amendments).

The application of the SLO to the public land along the reserves is acceptable so long as it doesn't unnecessarily constrain public land managers (e.g. Council and Melbourne Water) to undertake tree management, construct shared paths and playgrounds, undertake drainage / flood mitigation works, or for the naturalisation of Gardiners Creek.

Vegetation Protection Overlay

It is noted that the properties adjoining the western side of Gardiners Creek are covered by an existing Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO). While this overlay serves a different purpose to the proposed SLO, having two overlays with different vegetation controls may add to the complexity of planning applications in this area. This was addressed in Amendment C153mona by (largely) removing the VPO and in Amendment C165mona by including an exemption in the SLO schedule if a permit is already triggered under the VPO.

Planning permit triggers and exemptions

The webpage says the following with respect to potential permit triggers and exemptions within the proposed SLO schedule:

"New planning protections will require landowners to get a permit before doing certain types of clearing or building work on their property, like removing native plants, significant earthworks, building tall structures, or putting up fences."

The answer to the FAQ "What do the proposed protections include?" goes into more detail:

"The proposed planning protections include planning permit requirements for building heights, significant earthworks, fencing, and native vegetation removal along land next to key waterways."

Specifically, it is proposed that a planning permit will be required for:

- *new developments or significant alterations to buildings on properties along waterways, in order to protect waterway landscapes*
- *the siting of a development if less than 50m from the bank of a waterway,*
- *a development above 6 meters (sic) in height (in some specific areas, this will not apply)*
- *a development with a floor area greater than 50 square meters (sic) along waterways in order to protect waterway landscapes,*
- *changes of to the ground level of 600mm or more near a waterway,*
- *constructing a fence (other than a visually transparent fence, such as a post and wire fence) along waterways; and*
- *the removal of native vegetation.”*

These are discussed in the table below:

Planning permit trigger	Officer comments
New developments or significant alterations to buildings on properties along waterways, in order to protect waterway landscapes	Agree with intent of the permit trigger
The siting of a development if less than 50m from the bank of a waterway	Agree with intent of the permit trigger
A development above 6 metres in height (in some specific areas, this will not apply)	Agree with intent of the permit trigger. Further information is required about the areas where this permit trigger would not apply. There are no activity centres in Monash that directly adjoin Gardiners Creek.
A development with a floor area greater than 50 square metres along waterways in order to protect waterway landscapes	Agree with intent of the permit trigger. It is assumed that this covers extensions to existing buildings, including dwellings. We assume “along waterways” means 50m from the bank of a waterway.
Changes of to the ground level of 600mm or more near a waterway	Strongly agree with the intent of the permit trigger. Works within proximity to the creek could potentially cause significant issues for the management of the creek if left uncontrolled. This would include works for swimming pools, basements and developments on sloping sites.
Constructing a fence (other than a visually transparent fence, such as a post and wire fence) along waterways	Agree with intent of the permit trigger. However, it is worth considering whether even a visually transparent fence may impact on the flow of the creek if constructed within 50m of the creek, as it could trap sediment, leaves and other debris.

Planning permit trigger	Officer comments
The removal of native vegetation	Agree with intent of the permit trigger. However, non-native vegetation still contributes to the overall treed character and environmental values of the creek environs. A permit should be required to remove any vegetation over 6m in height within the SLO, unless it is a weed species. This would be consistent with the provision in the SLOs applied to the Western Waterways.

Conclusion

There is a high level of agreement with the use and application of the SLO, and the intent of the permit triggers, however, careful wording is required around these permit triggers and any exemptions that are proposed.

In particular, careful consideration is required in relation to:

- Areas where a permit is not required to construct a building exceeding 6 metres in height (we don't consider there to be any within the proposed SLO extent within the City of Monash).
- Permit triggers and exemptions for “visibly transparent” fences.
- Vegetation removal (i.e. should include all vegetation, not just native vegetation).

The following is the material provided on the Engage Victoria website for the *Planning for our Waterways* project as at 4 March 2025.

Planning for our Waterways

Tell us what you think about proposed new protections being created to protect Melbourne's creeks and rivers for the future.

Closes 16 March 2025

Overview

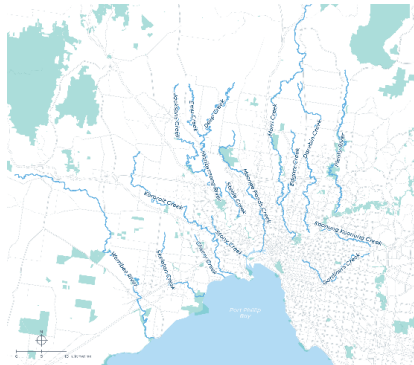
Melbourne's population is growing, and by 2050, it is projected to exceed 8 million. As the city grows, protecting our waterways and natural environments for today's residents and future generations is crucial.

Healthy and accessible waterways are key to creating vibrant, liveable cities that benefit both people and nature.

By taking care of these waterways, we help build a better environment, improve our quality of life, and create stronger, more adaptable communities for the future.

Waterways are also beautiful places to relax, enjoy nature, and connect with others.

A key way to look after our waterways is to develop new planning protections to ensure they are properly cared for.



It is proposed that the new planning controls will be implemented across 17 waterways: Cherry Creek, Deep Creek, Darebin Creek, Edgars Creek, Emu Creek, Gardiners Creek, Jacksons Creek, Koonung Koonung Creek, Kororoit Creek, Maribyrnong River, Merri Creek, Moonee Ponds Creek, Plenty River, Skeleton Creek, Steele Creek, Stony Creek, Werribee River.

What the proposed planning protections will do?

The proposed planning protections will help protect the landscape across different areas, including private and public land.

New planning protections will require landowners to get a permit before doing certain types of clearing or building work on their property, like removing native plants, significant earthworks, building tall structures, or putting up fences.

They will also support the recognition of waterways as living, connected entities that reflect the cultural values of the Traditional Owners.

Introducing new planning protections will not end development. Instead, it will help ensure that activities near waterways are appropriately managed to avoid harm.

The proposed new protections come after years of research and collaboration with experts on how to best protect our waterways. Advisory committees have highlighted the need for strong protections for important areas like the Yarra River, the Waterways of the West, and the Barwon catchment to keep our waterway corridors healthy in the future.

Similar protections have previously been applied to the Birrarung (Yarra) River, Moonee Ponds Creek, Maribyrnong River and Werribee River.

Now, it's time for communities, landholders, and stakeholders to share their thoughts and ideas on protecting these important natural spaces.

These insights will be considered when finalising the new planning protections for our waterways.

Participate

Help us shape the future of Melbourne's waterways by completing our survey.

Your feedback will be considered when developing the proposed waterways planning protections.

{link to survey}

Next steps

We will collate your feedback and share it with the Minister of Planning. It will inform her decision on implementing the final planning protections.

A summary of contributions received from this consultation will be shared on this page.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is this consultation for?

The Department of Transport and Planning wants to understand:

- the importance of Melbourne's waterways to the community
- the level of support for increased waterway protections
- local issues and concerns related to waterway protection

Am I affected by the proposed protections?

If your property backs onto one of the nominated waterways, protection is being considered. Refer to the above map to see which waterways we are considering.

Will the introduction of the new planning protections mean an end to development?

The new planning protections will not prevent development but will guide it responsibly by requiring people to obtain a planning permit for certain types of clear or building work on their property.

What do the proposed protections include?

The proposed planning protections include planning permit requirements for building heights, significant earthworks, fencing, and native vegetation removal along land next to key waterways.

Specifically, it is proposed that a planning permit will be required for:

- new developments or significant alterations to buildings on properties along waterways, in order to protect waterway landscapes
- the siting of a development if less than 50m from the bank of a waterway,
- a development above 6 meters in height (in some specific areas, this will not apply)
- a development with a floor area greater than 50 square meters along waterways in order to protect waterway landscapes,
- changes of to the ground level of 600mm or more near a waterway,
- constructing a fence (other than a visually transparent fence, such as a post and wire fence) along waterways; and
- the removal of native vegetation.

How will I know if the new protections apply to my property?

A Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) will be created for properties and areas along waterways and their parklands.

If your property directly adjoins the waterway or its parkland, the new protections will apply to you.

What is a Significant Landscape Overlay?

The proposed planning protections are for a Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) for land alongside these waterways.

A Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) is a planning control identifying and protecting landscapes. The SLO also identifies what buildings, earthworks, fences and vegetation removal need a planning permit.

The SLO ensures proposed development should respond to the landscape and waterway setting. The new planning protections will not prevent development but will guide it responsibly.

Why is the Significant Landscape Overlay the most appropriate planning protection?

The SLO has been used along other waterways successfully to achieve waterway and landscape protection. The SLO is helpful because it can be applied across large areas, which often cross local government boundaries, making it a consistent waterways-focused control.

How has the Significant Landscape Overlay been developed?

The proposed SLO has been developed through a detailed technical landscape assessment of the waterways, and with input from Traditional Owners and councils, determining the most appropriate places for it to be applied. The assessments built on the approach of previous work on the Yarra River, Waterways of the West and Rivers of the Barwon.

Why were these waterways selected?

14 waterways were identified by the Victorian Government in a 2022 election commitment as needing further protection. These waterways fall within the Yarra (Birrarrung) and Waterways of the West catchments which already have action plans to ensure their protection. An additional three waterways were added (Deep, Emu and Skeleton Creek) as logical inclusions to help deliver the Waterways of the West Action Plan.

What has happened so far?

2017

- Interim planning protections on the Yarra River were introduced.

2021

- Permanent planning protections for the Yarra River were introduced.

2022

- Election commitment so possible key metropolitan waterways.
- Planning protections for Waterways of the West (Moonee Ponds Creek, Maribyrnong River and Werribee River) were introduced.
- Planning protections for Rivers of the Barwon (Barwon, Leigh, Moorabool and Yarrowee Rivers) were introduced.
- Updates to state and regional waterways policies.

2023

- A new project for Proposed planning controls for waterways commences.
- Engagement with relevant councils, government agencies and Traditional Owners.
- Technical assessment was undertaken of the waterways.

2024

- Ongoing engagement with key stakeholder groups and Traditional Owners.
- Ongoing technical assessments (landscape, planning and bushfire)

2025

- Public consultation from 10 February until Sunday 16 March 2025.
- Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders
- Refine planning protections
- Mid 2025 recommendations to the Minister for Planning.

Some of the waterways are long, how does the SLO respond to the different landscapes?

Depending on the length of the Waterway, the SLO may be split into different sections called 'reaches' each with its own schedule to address unique contexts and landscapes. For example, Plenty River may be divided into four reaches, each with its own schedule. The schedules act as plans which include special rules, such as exemptions for land managers or major developments, as well as specific descriptions of areas of landscape significance.

What is not included in this project?

While important, this project will not focus on issues such as the legal status of waterways, stormwater and flooding issues, or resolving any issues around land

ownership. Even though these topics are not part of this project, we will continue to work with other government groups to ensure our waterways are protected.

Does this project affect bushfire risk?

A landscape bushfire risk analysis has been undertaken to ensure the proposed protections do not conflict with bushfire controls and do not increase any fire risk.

What happens to my feedback and what are the next steps?

Your submission will be used to inform the final planning protections for the key waterways. The submission process includes a Privacy Policy indicating how DTP handles the information we receive about you when you engage with us about the proposed planning protections for key waterways project.

DTP will make a recommendation to the Minister for Planning to finalise the planning protections in June 2025. Following a decision from the Minister for Planning, the final protections will be approved and introduced into relevant Planning Schemes. From there, planning permits will be required for the types of uses described above.

Contact the project team

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Timeline

- Consultation opens: 10 February 2025 - 16 March 2025
- Reviewing Feedback: 17 March 2025 - April 2025
- Finalisation of recommendations to the Minister of Planning: May/June 2025

Survey questions

1. I have read the Privacy Collection Statement (above) and prior to completing this survey (Required) (Yes)
2. For the list below, choose the waterways that are most important to you (Required) (Choose your top three from list of 17 waterways)
3. What is your postcode? (Your postcode helps us to understand the local relevance of waterway protections)
4. What is your primary relationship to the waterways or waterways selected? (Required) (Choose the one(s) relevant to you)
 - a. I live near the waterway(s)
 - b. I own a business/work near the waterway(s)
 - c. I am an authorised representative of a land manager located close to the waterway(s).
 - d. I am part of a community group or organisation.
 - e. I visit the waterway for recreational purposes
5. What do you value most about the waterway in your area? (Required) (Choose your top 3)
 - a. The trees and vegetation, the natural corridor it provides
 - b. The animals, reptiles and insects that live in or beside the waterway(s)
 - c. The adjoining parklands
 - d. The adjoining walking and cycling trail networks
 - e. The cultural, social and cultural history and values of the waterway(s)
 - f. The recreational accessibility of the waterway(s), for example, fishing, boating, swimming etc.

Note: The introduction of new planning protections will not mean an end to development.

If planning protections are introduced, landowners may need to apply for a planning permit for certain activities to ensure the water corridor continues to be protected.

6. Overall, to what extent do you support introducing planning protections for certain activities to protect the waterway corridor?
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support

Thinking about specific ways to protect our waterways, let us know how strongly you support the following:

7. A requirement for a planning permit for new developments or significant alterations to buildings on properties along waterways?
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support
8. A requirement for a planning permit for the siting of a development if less than 50m from the bank of a waterway
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support
9. A requirement for a planning permit for development above 6 metres along waterways (in some specific areas this will not apply)
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support
10. A requirement for a planning permit for a development with a floor area greater than 50 square meters along waterways
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support
11. A planning permit requirement for changes to the ground level of 600mm or more near a waterway
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support
12. A requirement for a planning permit for constructing a fence
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support
13. A requirement for a planning permit for the removal of native vegetation
 - a. Support
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Do not support
14. Do you have any other comments about protecting Melbourne's waterways?
 - a. Yes {if yes, open field appears}
 - b. No