

Date Issued: 14 January 2021

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at: Grimwade Road, Nagambie VIC

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The application is for a Permit for: Use and development of land for

Landfill (Placement of 'certified'

clean fill into Borrow Pit);

Development of land for short term site office, one shipping

container and two containers with roof kit; creation of access from

Road Zone Category 1

The applicant for the Permit is: Russell Varcoe

The application Reference Number is: P2021-003

You may view the application and any documents that support the application on our website at

https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/development/statutory-planning/planning-permitscurrently-advertised

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Strathbogie Shire Council 109A Binney Street Euroa Telephone: (03) 5795 0000

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An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: 04 February 2021

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If you submit an objection, the Responsible Authority will tell you of its final decision.



PROJECT: PROPOSED RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF EXISTING BORROW PIT TO AGRICULTURAL/GRAZING LAND AT:

LOT 1 PS701500 GRIMWADE RD NAGAMBIE

LOCALITY (NOT TO SCALE):



-LOCATION OF PROPOSED WORKS

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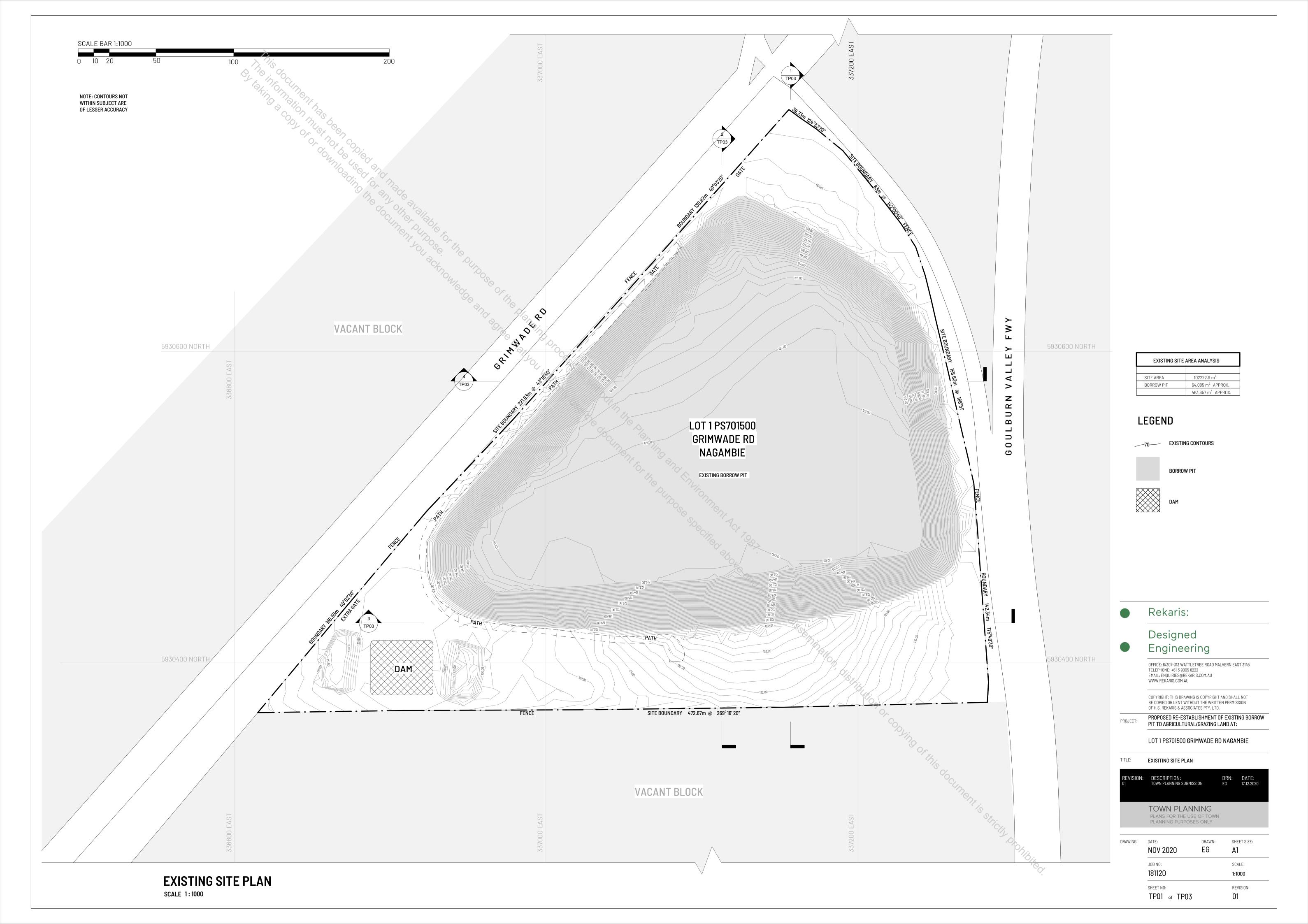
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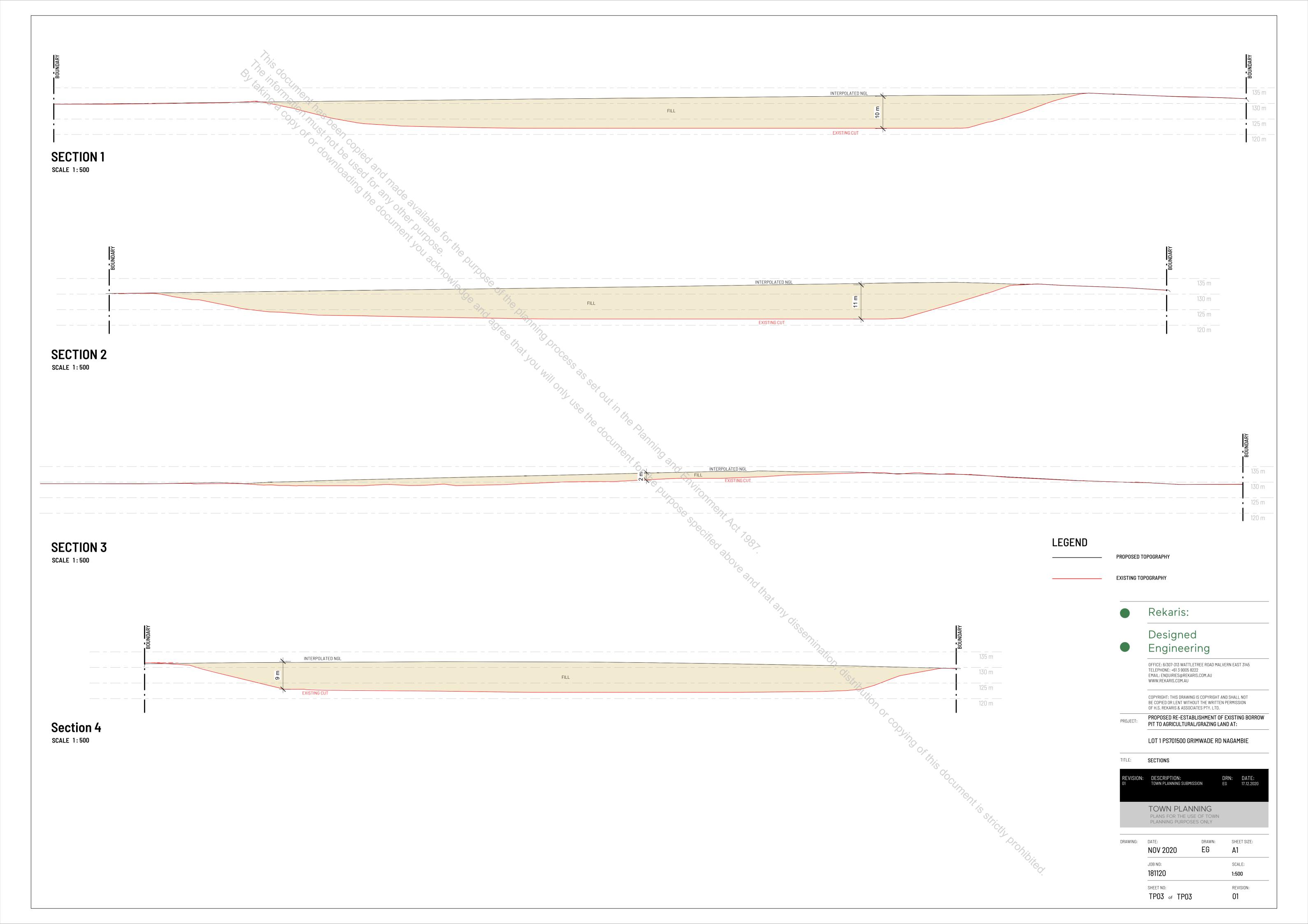
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RE: Town Planning Application for the proposed placement of 'certified' clean fill into an existing VicRoads Borrow Pit at Lot 1 (PS701500W), Grimwade Road, Nagambie

Dear Sir/Madam,

RSVPlanning Pty Ltd – Town Planning services have been engaged by Cornfoot Bros Cleanfill in respect of the above application for a proposed placement of 'certified' clean fill into an existing VicRoads Borrow Pit at Lot 1 (PS 701500W), Grimwade Road, Nagambie.

It is proposed to fill and compact the borrow pit back to pre-existing conditions, undertake remedial works and reinstate the property to farming land in accordance with the zoning of the land.

Executive Summary

- The subject site known as Lot 1 (PS701500W), Grimwade Road, Nagambie.
- This Planning Application seeks approval for the proposed placement of clean fill into an existing VicRoads Borrow Pit and reinstatement of the land for farming purposes. The site is currently vacant land.
 - o No indigenous native vegetation is required to be removed to undertake the proposed works.
- The subject site can be formally described as Lot 1, PS701500W, Volume 11348 Folio 434.

A review of the Title documentation indicates that the land is not impacted by any Section 173 Agreements, Covenants or Easements.

A full copy of the Certificate of Title is provided with this application.

- The subject site is located within the jurisdiction of the Strathbogie Shire Council and is subject to the requirements of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.
 - The site is located within the Farming Zone.
 - o The site is not impacted by any Overlays.
 - The proposed site is impacted by a small identified area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity. The proposed works do not impact this area.

Background History

- Material from the subject site was sourced/removed as part of the construction of the Nagambie Bypass which involved the construction of a 17km freeway to the east of the Nagambie township from Mitchellstown Road to Weir Road.
- Approximately 485,454m3 was extracted from the site, however in order to level the land and grade/contour
 the property correctly and evenly, it has been estimated that 502,180m3 of clean fill will be required to
 restore the property to its original condition.
- Construction of the VicRoads Bypass project commenced in December 2009, with the full bypass open to traffic in April 2013

Pre-Application Meeting

There has been no pre-application meeting held perse, however preliminary discussions have been with Melissa Crane with follow up correspondence 19th October 2020.

Council advised that the following information would be required to be lodged with any application:

- The proposed works come under the heading of 'Industry' in the nesting diagrams.
- Site plan, detailing the proposed works to be undertaken as part of the proposal.
- Details on the proposal, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Extent of fill to be placed on site
 - 6 How stormwater and drainage will be managed for the site
 - Any works/roads, etc to be constructed to support the operation
 - Proposed days and hours of operation
 - o Types of fill to be placed on the site
 - o How long the site will be used for fill
- A Traffic Impact Assessment Report, that details the expected traffic movements, including the following:
 - Proposed route to and from the site
 - Expected number of traffic movements
 - Type of traffic movements
 - Recommendations for any upgrades on the road network to support the proposal
- How the site will be managed during and after the works, including the following:
 - Methods proposed to ensure that any environmental issues are managed appropriately
 - o Proposed remediation/completion of the site (what will happen when it is finished)
 - o Ongoing management of weeds, grasses, etc on site
- Other
 - o Proposed staffing levels
 - Number and type of temporary structures

The relevant Clauses of the SPPF and LPPF

- State Planning Policies
 - Clause 11 Settlement
 - Clause 11.03-6S Regional and Local Places
 - Clause 13 Environmental Risks and Amenity
 - Clause 13.07-1S Land Use Compatibility
 - Clause 14 Natural Resource Management
 - Clause 14.01-1S Protection of Agricultural Land
 - Clause 14.01-2S Sustainable Agricultural Land Use
 - Clause 15 Built Environment and Heritage
 - Clause 15.03-2S Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Local Planning Policies

- Clause 21.04 Sustainable Environment
- o Clause 22.03 Hume Freeway, Goulburn Valley Highway Environs

Summary

Owners	Liquid Mud Pty Ltd (Settlement 29 October 2020), 88 Freight Drive, Spomerton			
Address of the Land	Lot 1 (PS701500W) Grimwade Road, Nagambie			
Proposal	Placement of 'certified' clean fill into an existing VicRoads Borrow Pit			
Area of Property	10.35 hectares			
Existing Use/Development	Vacant Land			
Responsible Authority	Strathbogie Shire Council			
Planning Scheme	Strathbogie Planning Scheme			
Relevant State Planning Policies	Clause 11 – Settlement			
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Relevant Local Planning Policies	Clause 15.03-2S – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage			
Relevant Local Planning Policies	Clause 21.04 – Sustainable Environment			
	 Clause 22.03 – Hume Freeway, Goulburn Valley Highway Environs 			
Zone	Clause 35.07 Farming Zone			
Overlays	Not Applicable			
Existing and Proposed Plans Prepared by	■ TP00 – Cover Page			
H S Rekaris Pty Ltd	■ TP01 – Rev 01 Existing Site Plan			
	■ TP02 – Rev 01 Proposed Site Plan			
	■ TP03 – Rev 01 Sections			
Environment Protection Authority Victoria	Soil Hazard Classification and Management			

This Report

This report has been prepared in support of the proposed placement of 'certified' clean fill into an existing VicRoads borrow pit at Lot 1, Grimwade Road, Nagambie.

The purpose of this planning report is to expand on the explanation of the proposal as shown on the submitted proposed works plan and respond to the requirements of Strathbogie Planning Scheme, State and Local Planning Policies.

The following sections of this report provide:

- An overview of the site and its surrounds.
- A detailed description of the proposal, and
- An assessment of the proposal against the relevant planning controls impacting the site.

The following are provided as separate attachments to this report:

- A recept copy the Certificate of Title including covenant details.
- Existing and Proposed Plans prepared by H S Rekaris Pty Ltd (refer above),
- Certificate of certified clean fill (in accordance EPA Victoria Soil Hazard Classification attached))

We trust this information in conjunction associated plans and reports, will enable Council to undertake a detailed assessment of and to support the application.

Site and Surrounds

Subject Site:

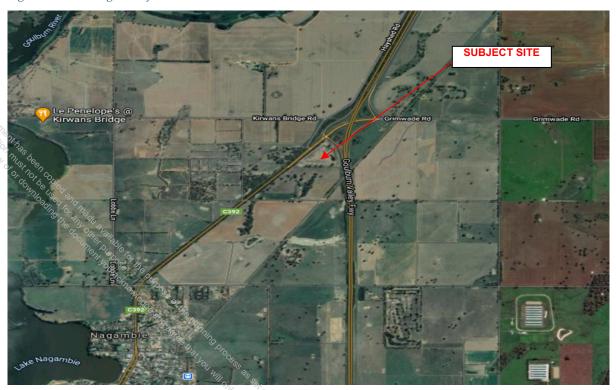
The subject site forms part of a parcel of land that has remained undeveloped since material was removed from the site for the construction of the Nagambie By-Pass road from December 2009 until it was opened in April 2013.

The site is located in the south-western corner of the interchange of the new Goulburn Valley Freeway (eastern side) and Grimwade Road (north-western boundary) approximately 3.5km north-east of Nagambie township. The surrounding countryside is all farmland

Figure 1 - Satellite Imagery – subject site



Figure 2 Surrounding countryside



Current Application

- It is proposed to reinstate the existing borrow pit with the placement of 'certified' clean fill in an existing borrow pit at Lot 1 Grimwade Road, Nagambie.
- Clean 'certified' fill will be transported from the proponents yard in Somerton and other local civil works in northern Melbourne and will be deposited at the above location and compacted to standard requirements suitable for grazing land or as designated by the Responsible Authority.

NOTE: All materials will be required to be tested before being accepted with an EPA approved certificate of clean-fill provided before being allowed on site. This will be achieved by the materials meeting the thresholds contained with the IWRG621 Soil Hazard Categorization and Management document as attached.

- Once filled and compacted, the land will be revegetated/seeded with local seeds and the land returned to its previous use as 'farming land' consistent with the zoning of the land.
- It is proposed that constructed fill design levels will align with existing natural surface levels as to maintain pre-existing natural overland flow conditions. Other on-site water collection will be via a natural overland/subsurface flow into the existing basin/dam and will be used for irrigation of the site and other uses as maybe required in the future.
- Stormwater will be managed in accordance with natural stormwater runoff (as per pre-existing conditions) processes, with the overland flow being directed to the cut off swale drains abutting the Goulburn Valley Freeway to the east.
- Access to the site will be gained from Grimwade Road through a proposed new entry along the south-west boundary in a location where no trees will be required to be removed. There are existing gates along the north-west boundary which are not intended to be used for accessing the site:

Figure 3- Existing gates & proposed new entry from Grimwade Road





- Road transport and transport movement of 'certified' clean fill material will be as follows:
 - Truck sizes Typically a standard truck & dog (trailer) configuration
 - Frequency of travel:
 - It is anticipated that approximately 6 loads of stock-piled clean fill material will be transported each day from the Company's Somerton site located at 88 Freight Drive, Somerton VIC 3062
 - The ability to access the site for tipping purposes is proposed to be 24/7 given the remoteness of the site and access to the Goulburn Valley Highway.
 - Proposed route:
 - Clean fill will be stock-piled at the Company's Somerton site and then transported by road to the subject site
 - The route will typically be as follows:
 - Cornfoot Bros Earthmoving Pty. Ltd. 88 Freight Dr, Somerton VIC 3062
 - Freight Dr to Fleet St
 - Cooper St/State Route 58
 - Hume Freeway/National Hwy M31 ramp to Seymour
 - Merge onto Hume Freeway/National Highway M31
 - Exit onto Goulburn Valley Freeway/M39 towards Shepparton
 - Exit Goulburn Valley Freeway Nagambie VIC 3608 at Grimwade Road interchange

 Goulburn Valley Freeway Euroa Nagamb B280 Mitchellstown C344 C366 Avene Heathcote Ruffv B75 C383 Tooborac C326 Tall B340 1 hr 51 min M79 B300 B75 Broadt Yea C311 C382 Kilmore C317 C729 Woodend Moun C725 C704 Gisborne 🙀 1 hr 10 min C705 1 hr 22 min C746 State Park Sunbury B300 C704 C706 Cornfoot Bros Yarra Glen Earthmoving Pty. Ltd.

Figure 4 - Typical Route from Cornfoot Bros Earthmoving to subject site

Note: There may be some local 'clean fill' from current Nagambie projects that will utilised at the site. The most practicable transport path will be used when and if required.

Site Operations:

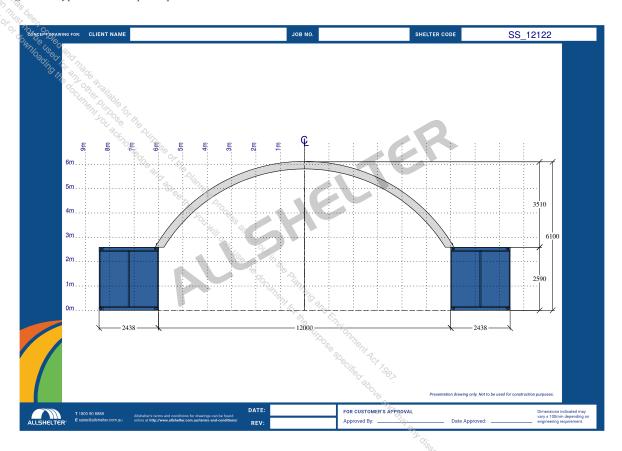
- o On-site staff levels will be typically 1-2 persons as required
- As advised earlier, access will be gained through a new entry point proposed in the south-west corner of the site as per the attached plans.
- A temporary relocatable site office (12m x 3.5m) will be set up inside the new access entry point to monitor movements entering and exiting the site.
- 3 x temporary shipping containers (including a workshop hoop requiring 2 x shipping containers refer below) will be located on the southern side of the existing dam. The Allshelter Shelter will provide protection for the containers and create a good covered work area in between protecting all assets for both personnel and equipment. The roof structure and the security of shipping containers, creates an easy shelter solution. The Container roof kits are designed to be spanned on 20ft & 40ft shipping containers, and can be mounted on either the inside or outside of the shipping container. These shelters are designed and engineered to AS/NZS 1170.2:2011 rated to wind region A (37.3 m/sec Windspeeds).

o Filling techniques:

- Fill to be placed in 500mm lifts and compacted utilising a 816 compactor.
- A sump will be established inside the pit with a pump installed and a water truck/tanker (10,000l capacity) will be available onsite for watering of the working area and internal roads.
- Cornfoot Brothers earthmoving delivery drivers will generally be responsible for the levelling and compacting of loads on delivery to the site.

- Hours of Operation:
 - The ability to access the site for tipping purposes is proposed to be 24/7 is the preferred option and given the remoteness of the site and access to the Goulburn Valley Highway.
 - However, the use of a dozer, compactor and staffing of the site is proposed to be restricted to between the hours of 6am to 6pm
- Once all filling and appropriate level of filling is achieved/complete, the property will be seeded with local grasses suitable for stock grazing.

Figure 5 - Typical Workshop Hoop



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Planning Instruments and Policies

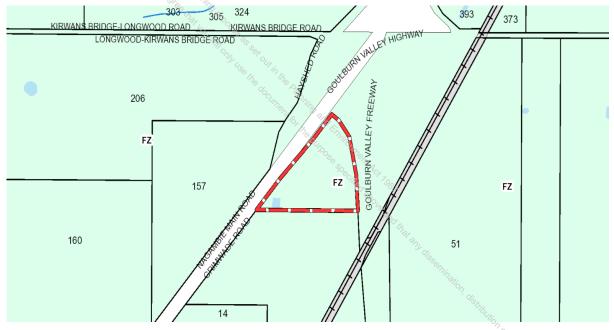
Zone(s)

Farming Zone

The subject site is wholly contained within the Farming Zone as shown below. The purpose of the Farming Zone is:

- 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.

Figure 6 Zoning Map - Strathbogie Planning Scheme



Response

Council advise that the proposed works would come under the heading of 'Industry' as depicted in the nesting diagrams.

The placement of clean fill within the existing borrow pit and associated works including remediation works to preexisting conditions (as close as practicable) is a Section 2 required use and as such planning approval will be required

State Planning Policy Framework

The State Planning Policy Framework sets out the broad planning policies that apply to all land in Victoria. Accordingly, the relevant Clauses pertaining to the proposed application and how the development responds have been provided below:

Table 1 - State Planning Policy Framework Assessment

Cla	use	Response					
Cla	use 11 Settlement	The proposed works seek to reinstate the					
Mas be	Clause 11.03-6S – Regional and Local Places The objective of the Clause is to facilitate	subject land back to its original state to be used for farming/agriculture consistent with the intent of the zoning of the land					
90h	integrated place-based planning.	-					
	Strategies include:						
	 Integrate relevant planning considerations to provide specific direction for the planning of sites, places, neighbourhoods and towns. Consider the distinctive characteristics and needs of regional and local places in planning for future land use and development. 						
Cla	use 13 Environmental Risks and Amenity	 The proposed works will reinstate the property to be consistent with adjoining and nearby land 					
•	Clause 13.07-1S – Land Use Compatibility	uses.					
	The objective of this Clause is to protect community amenity, human health and safety while facilitating appropriate commercial, industrial, infrastructure or other uses with potential adverse off-site impacts.	Stormwater runoff will be designed and incorporated to ensure that constructed fill design levels will align with pre existing natural surface levels so as to maintain pre-existing					
	Strategies include:	natural overland flow conditions.					
	 Ensure that use or development of land is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses. 	The proposed site will be reinstated (seeded with local grasses) to farming/agricultural uses consistent with the zoning of the land.					
	 Avoid locating incompatible uses in areas that may be impacted by adverse off-site impacts from commercial, industrial and other uses. 	 A 10,000l water tanker will be available on site to be used to minimise dust. 					
	 Avoid or otherwise minimise adverse off-site impacts from commercial, industrial and other uses through land use separation, siting, building design and operational measures. 	Stion distribution of Copying					
	 Protect existing commercial, industrial and other uses from encroachment by use or development that would compromise the ability of those uses to function safely and effectively. 	CODING OF THIS COLUMN TO THE SEA					
Cla	use 14 – Natural Resource Management	The subject site consists of in excess of 10					
•	Clause 14.01-1S – Protection of Agricultural Land The objective of this Clause is to protect the state's agricultural base by preserving	hectares of land that has been made unusable as agricultural/farming land as a consequence of material being excavated from the site for the construction of the Nagambie By-Pass Road					
	productive farmland	(Goulburn Valley Freeway).					
	Strategies include:						

- Identify areas of productive agricultural land, including land for primary production and intensive agriculture.
- Consider state, regional and local, issues and characteristics when assessing agricultural quality and productivity.
- Avoid permanent removal of productive agricultural land from the state's agricultural base without consideration of the economic importance of the land for the agricultural production and processing sectors.
- Protect productive farmland that is of strategic significance in the local or regional context.
- Protect productive agricultural land from unplanned loss due to permanent changes in land use.
- Prevent inappropriately dispersed urban activities in rural areas.
- Protect strategically important agricultural and primary production land from incompatible uses.
- Limit new housing development in rural areas by:
 - Directing housing growth into existing settlements.
 - Discouraging development of isolated small lots in the rural zones from use for dwellings or other incompatible uses.
 - Encouraging consolidation of existing isolated small lots in rural zones.
- Identify areas of productive agricultural land by consulting with the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and using available information.
- In considering a proposal to use, subdivide or develop agricultural land, consider the:
 - Desirability and impacts of removing the land from primary production, given its agricultural productivity.
 - Impacts on the continuation of primary production on adjacent land, with particular regard to land values and the viability of infrastructure for such production.
 - Compatibility between the proposed or likely development and the existing use of the surrounding land.
 - The potential impacts of land use and development on the spread of plant and animal pests from areas of known infestation into agricultural areas.
 - Land capability.

- The proposed placement of clean fill at this site will re-establish the site for agricultural and farming activities consistent with the zoning of the land.
- The proposed works will protect productive farming land into the future.
- The proposed works will ensure agricultural and productive rural land use activities are managed to maintain the long-term sustainable use and management of existing natural resources

- Avoid the subdivision of productive agricultural land from diminishing the longterm productive capacity of the land.
- Give priority to the re-structure of inappropriate subdivisions where they exist on productive agricultural land.
- Balance the potential off-site effects of a use or development proposal (such as degradation of soil or water quality and land salinisation) against the benefits of the proposal.
- Clause 14.01-2S Sustainable Agricultural

The objective of this Clause is to encourage sustainable agricultural land use.

Strategies include:

- Ensure agricultural and productive rural land use activities are managed to maintain the long-term sustainable use and management of existing natural resources.
- Support the development of innovative and sustainable approaches to agricultural and associated rural land use practices.
- Support adaptation of the agricultural sector to respond to the potential risks arising from climate change.
- Encourage diversification and value-adding of agriculture through effective agricultural production and processing, rural industry and farm-related retailing.
- Assist genuine farming enterprises to embrace opportunities and adjust flexibly to market changes.
- Support agricultural investment through the protection and enhancement of appropriate infrastructure.
- Facilitate ongoing productivity and investment in high value agriculture.
- Facilitate the establishment and expansion of cattle feedlots, pig farms, poultry farms and other intensive animal industries in a manner consistent with orderly and proper planning and protection of the environment.
- Ensure that the use and development of land for animal keeping or training is appropriately located and does not detrimentally impact the environment, the operation of surrounding land uses and the amenity of the surrounding area.

Clause 15 Built Environment and Heritage

Clause 15.03-2S – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

The objective of this Clause is to ensure the protection and conservation of places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance

Strategies include:

- A small of the site in the south-east corner is impacted by an area of Aboriginal Cultural sensitivity.
- The proposed works do not impact this small area, consequently no assessment will be

- Identify, assess and document places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance, in consultation with relevant Registered Aboriginal Parties, as a basis for their inclusion in the planning scheme.
- Provide for the protection and conservation of pre-contact and post-contact Aboriginal cultural heritage places.
- Ensure that permit approvals align with the recommendations of any relevant Cultural Heritage Management Plan approved under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

required to assess any impacts on Aboriginal Culture Significance at this location.

Local Planning Policy Framework

The following local planning policies have been reviewed and an assessment of the proposal against the objectives of these policies has been undertaken below;

Table 2 - Local Planning Policy Framework Assessment

Clause Response

Clause 21.04 - Sustainable Development

This policy identifies the Shire is home to many endangered flora and fauna species and ecological communities. The most extensive remnant vegetation within the Shire remains on elevated ridgelines, or in forests and parks set aside for timber production or conservation. Significant areas of remnant vegetation can also be found on private land, roadsides and along waterways.

Some of the key planning issues include (inter alia):

- Impacts of urban expansion on the natural environment
- Impact and increased risk of flooding
- Impact and increased risk of bushfire
- Impacts and increased risk of climate change
- Inappropriate development in proclaimed water supply catchments.
- Water quality, usage, availability and long term security
- Riparian health
- Ongoing management of native flora and fauna

Clause 22.03 – Hume Freeway, Goulburn Valley Highway Environs

The purpose of this policy seeks to apply to the use and development of land within 100 metres of the Hume Freeway, Goulburn Valley Highway, and any Public Acquisition Overlay identified in Planning Scheme Amendments reserving land for a new alignment of the Goulburn Valley Highway and associated access restoration purposes.

The objectives of this Clause are:

- The proposed works will incorporate a Stormwater runoff designed to ensure that constructed fill design levels will align with pre-existing natural surface levels so as to maintain pre-existing natural overland flow conditions.
- The subject property will be reinstated to its former condition prior to the excavated material being removed.
- The property will be returned to its preferred use as farming land appropriate agricultural pursuits

- The re-establishment of the land back to farming and agricultural pursuits meets the objectives of this Clause.
- In regards to potential noise issues, this part of the policy relates to ongoing buildings and structures impacted by traffic noise along the freeway. Once works on site have been completed, the site will be retained as 'farming land' and no permanent structures (dwellings or otherwise) are proposed.
- Temporary buildings are proposed as part of the works to be undertaken on-site. Once

- To ensure that the use and development of land does not prejudice the levels of service, safety and amenity of the Hume Freeway and Goulburn Valley Highway.
- To minimise any adverse effects of noise from traffic using the Hume Freeway and Goulburn Valley Highway.

Key issues are:

- Noise
- Setbacks
- Access

- site works have been completed, the temporary buildings will be removed. (Refer to attached plans for temporary building locations.
- Access for the delivery of the clean fill material will be established from the Grimwade Road boundary. A proposed new entry gate will be established along the south-western boundary. There is no direct access from the Goulbourn Valley Freeway proposed. (Refer attached plans)

Conclusion

The proposed placement of clean fill into the existing VicRoads 'borrow pit' has been considered under the relevant provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme and complements the objectives of the planning instruments impacting the site. This proposal is appropriate having regard to the site context and broader surrounds.

It is submitted that the application should be supported for the following reasons:

- The proposed works will re-establish the site as farming land appropriate and consistent with the zoning of the land.
- All clean fill material has been (will be) certified and complies with Australian Standards
- The proposed works will not impact the owners of adjoining or nearby properties
- The proposed works will have minimal impact vehicles travelling along the Goulburn Valley Highway and/or Grimwade Road.
- The proposed works will remove a 'scar' on the landscape which was created by the excavation of material for the construction of the Nagambie By-Pass road.

Overall, the proposal results in an outcome that will facilitate and return of the land to its former condition and for the ongoing use as farming/agricultural land.

It is submitted that planning approval should be granted for the proposed placement of 'Clean Fill' into the existing 'borrow pit' created by VicRoads in order that the subject land can be reinstated to farming/grazing land appropriate to the zoning of the land in accordance with the attached plans.

Yours sincerely,

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INTRODUCTION

Producers of contaminated soil must categorise their waste into one of four categories, Category A, B, C or clean fill.

This guideline applies only to soils (it is not suitable for rubble, concrete and other inert solid waste materials).

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If you are a producer or treater of contaminated soils, you will be required to categorise the soil into Category A, B, C or clean fill to determine what management options are available for that material.

WASTE CHARACTERISATION

Waste characterisation involves an assessment of the soil, including site history, to identify which contaminants require analysis to determine the hazard category. The assessment must be for all chemical substances known and reasonably expected to be present in the waste.

If the waste contains a contaminant that is potentially poisonous (acute), toxic (delayed or chronic) and/or ecotoxic and the contaminant is not listed in Table 2, the waste generator must apply to EPA for a determination of hazard category.

Allowable contaminant levels for fill material are also specified in Table 2. EPA does not regulate the use of fill material. However, the Environment Protection Act 1970 places general obligations to prevent adverse impacts on the environment and human health. Where there is potential for adverse impacts from the deposit of fill material, advice should be sought from EPA.

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

Soil sampling should be conducted in accordance with the IWRG *Soil sampling*, whilst soil analysis should be performed in accordance with the <u>IWRG</u> Sampling and analysis of waters, wastewaters, soils and wastes.

EPA requires that leachability testing be undertaken in accordance with the Australian Standard Leaching Procedure (ASLP) (Australian Standards AS4439.2 and 44396.3) by a NATA accredited laboratory. For contaminated soil going to disposal or re-use, it is necessary to perform ASLP using the acetate buffer solution (pH of 2.9 or pH 5, dependant on the pre-testing step as outline in the Australian Standard).

There is no need to conduct leachability tests in cases where total concentration data indicates that all total concentration results are less than 20 times the relevant Category C leachable concentration upper limits. This reflects the effect of dilution resulting from the use of the Australian Standard Leaching Procedure.

RECOMMENDED METHODS

The recommended methods for contaminated soils are provided in the <u>IWRG</u> Solid industrial waste sampling. EPA has no plans to mandate methods for 'totals', but the method that is used must be appropriate to determine the 'total concentration' of the contaminants.

Further information on these methods can be found on the USEPA website Test Methods SW-846 www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/test/main.htm and from the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999 Guideline on Laboratory Analysis of Potentially Contaminated Soils

www.ephc.gov.au/sites/default/files/ASC_NEPMsch_ 03_Lab_Analysis_199912.pdf

SPECIFIC CONTAMINANTS

Many laboratories conduct Total Recoverable
Hydrocarbon (TRH) analysis and report this for Total
Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH). A number of people
have raised concerns with using TRH result and
reporting these as TPH due to the presence of other
hydrocarbon substances, not related to petroleum
hydrocarbons, that are included in a TRH test. Until

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there is a routine test developed exclusively for TPH, it may be necessary to discuss with clients what options are available to remove non petroleum based hydrocarbons.

To provide consistency in the approach of summing grouped contaminants and interpreting results that are below the limit of reporting, EPA recommends all positive values for the individual components be summed together.

Soils with a pH value of 4 or less or a pH of 9 or more are considered to be Prescribed Industrial Wastes (PIWs). Table 1 provides further information on pH values that are applicable to Category A.

Results for total concentrations are to be reported on a dry weight basis.

WASTE CATEGORIES

To determine the hazard category, contaminated soil must first be considered and excluded from Category A, then considered and excluded from Category B, before it can be considered as Category C. Figure 1 shows a decision flowchart for classifying waste soils.

Contaminated soils that display any specific hazard characteristic listed in Table 1 are categorised as Category A PIW.

Table 2 contains the threshold limit values (upper limits) for each of the categories, including clean fill. Contaminated soils must be assessed against the total concentration (TCO, TC1 and TC2) and leachable concentration (ASLP1 and ASLP2) thresholds specified in Table 2

Contaminated soils with any contaminant level above the TC2 or ALSP2 thresholds are categorised as Category A. Contaminated soils with any contaminant level greater than TC1, but below TC2, or greater than ASLP1, but below ASLP2 are categorised as Category B. Soils with any contaminant level greater than TC0, but below the TC1 and ALSP1 thresholds are categorised as Category C. Soils with all contaminant levels below the TC0 threshold are categorised as clean fill.

If doubt exists as to which hazard category applies to a soil, seek advice from EPA.

Landfill operators will require analytical results to demonstrate that the contaminated soil meets the relevant criteria set out in their licence.



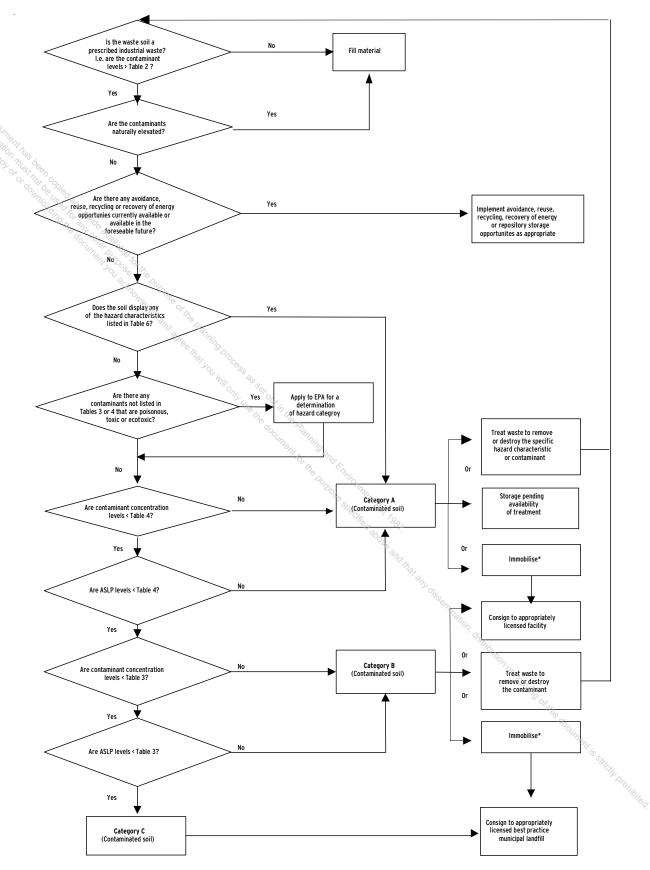


Figure 1: Decision flow chart for waste soil







Table 1: Specific hazard characteristics

Hazard characteristic	Definition1
Explosive wastes	An explosive waste is a solid waste (or mixture of wastes) which is in itself capable, by chemical reaction, of producing gas at such a temperature, pressure and speed, as to cause damage to the surroundings. Note: These are wastes classified as 'Class 1' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995 and/or classified as 'Goods too dangerous to be transported' under the Australian Dangerous Goods Code.
Flammable 2 solid wastes	Waste solids, other than those classified as explosives, which, under conditions encountered in transport or containment, are readily combustible, or may cause or contribute to fire through friction. Note: These are wastes classified as 'Class 4.1' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
Wastes liable to spontaneous combustion	Wastes which are liable to spontaneous heating under normal conditions encountered in transport, or to heating up in contact with air, and liable to catch fire. Note: These are wastes classified as 'Class 4.2' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
Wastes which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Wastes which, by interaction with water, are liable to become spontaneously flammable or to give off flammable gases in dangerous quantities. Note: These are wastes classified as 'Class 4.3' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
Oxidising wastes	Wastes which, while in themselves not necessarily combustible, may, generally by yielding oxygen, cause or contribute to the combustion of other materials. Note: These are wastes classified as 'Class 5.1' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
Organic peroxide wastes	Organic wastes which contain the bivalent-O-O-structure and which are thermally unstable and may undergo exothermic self-accelerating decomposition. Note: These are wastes classified as 'Class 5.2' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
Infectious wastes	Wastes containing viable microorganisms or their toxins which are known or suspected to cause disease in animals or humans. Note: These include clinical and related wastes as prescribed in the Environment Protection (Prescribed Waste) Regulations 1998 and is waste classified as 'Class 6.2' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
Corrosive wastes	Wastes which, by chemical action, will cause severe damage when in contact with living tissue, or in the case of leakage, will materially damage, or even destroy, other goods or the means of transport or containment. They may also cause other hazards. Where corrosivity testing data is not available, pH may be used to determine if the material is Category A. • pH value of 2 or less • pH value of 12.5 or more Note: This includes wastes classified as 'Class 8' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
Wastes that liberate toxic gases in contact with air or water	Wastes which, by liberation with air or water, are liable to give off toxic gases in dangerous quantities. Note: These are wastes liable to give off toxic gases that are classified as 'Class 2.3' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.

² In this document the word 'flammable' has the same meaning as 'inflammable'. Flammable liquid wastes are waste liquids, or mixtures of liquids, or liquids containing solids in solution or suspension (for example, paints, varnishes, lacquers, etc.) which give off flammable vapour at temperatures of not more than 60.5 °C (closed-cup test), or not more than 65.6 °C (open-cup test). Note: The definition of flammable liquid wastes are those wastes classified as 'Class 3' under the provisions of the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.



¹ Definitions are adopted from the Industrial Waste Management Policy (Movement of Controlled Wastes between States and Territories) 2001.



Table 2: Soil hazard categorisation thresholds

Category		Fill Mate	-		Category upper lim			Categor upper lin	•	
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Contaminant concentration thresholds							'			y
ر (dry weight)			TCO		ASLP1 ¹	TC1		ASLP2 ¹	TC2	
Units			(mg/kg)		(mg/L)	(mg/kg)		(mg/L)	(mg/kg)	
Inorganic species		Inorgani	ic species		Inorganio	species		Inorgani	c species	
Arsenic The following the Arsenic			20		0.7	500		2.8	2,000	
Cadmium 70 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01			3		0.2	100		0.8	400	
Chromium (VI)			1		5	500		20	2,000	
Copper			100		200	5,000		800	20,000	
Lead			300		1	1,500		4	6,000	
Mercury	OFTHE		1	С	0.1	75	С	0.4	300	С
Molybdenum	90.	p _{lann}	40	A	5	1,000	A	20	4,000	A
Nickel	OF CO.	in Police	60	T E	2	3,000	T E	8	12,000	T E
Tin		Al You CES	50	G	-	500	G	1	1	G
Selenium		4111	10	0	1	50	0	4	200	0
Silver		2	S. J. 17, 10	R Y	10	180	R Y	40	720	R Y
Zinc			² 00 / 200 / 200		300	35,000		1,200	140,000	Y
Anions	_	An	ions	77/C	Anio	ons	В	Ani	ons	Α
Cyanide	F		50 [*]	17 Y	8	2,500		32	10,000	
Fluoride	Ľ		450	C. C.	150	10,000	C	600	40,000	C
Organic species	L	Organio	species	O ~	Organic	species	N	Organic	species	O N
Phenols (halogenated) ²			1	Т	³⁰ / ₁₀₀ 2 ¹	ر ای 10	Т	8	320	T
Phenols (non-halogenated)³	M A		60	A	14,	560	A	56	2,200	Α
Monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons⁴	T		7	M	-	² 7 ₄ 70	M	-	240	M
Benzene	Ε		1	N	0.1	19/ap 4	N	0.4	16	N
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons ⁵	R		20	A	-	100%	Α	-	400	A
Benzo(a)pyrene	A		1	T	0.001	5	nin die	0.004	20	T
C6-C9 petroleum hydrocarbons	L		100	E D	-	650	E [®] 3	9/ ₀ ,	2,600	E D
C10-C36 petroleum hydrocarbons			1,000	0	-	10,000	U	Vibutio -	40,000	ש
Polychlorinated biphenyls ⁶			2	S	see no	te 6	S	see no	ote 6	S
Chlorinated hydrocarbons ⁷			1	0			0	7	Ving	0
Hexachlorobutadiene				L	0.07	2.8	L	0.28	¹⁵ / ₁₆ 11	L
Vinyl chloride				_	0.03	1.2	-	0.12	4.8	
Other chlorinated hydrocarbons ⁸					-	10		-	50	nr is
Pesticides		Pesticides			Pesticides			Pesticides		Wis Strictly
Organochlorine pesticides ⁹			1							10
Aldrin + dieldrin					0.03	1.2		0.12	4.8	
DDT + DDD + DDE					2	50		-	50	
Chlordane					0.1	4		0.4	16	
Heptachlor					0.03	1.2		0.12	4.8	
Other organochlorine pesticides ¹⁰					-	10		-	50	







Notes

- 1. Australian Standard Leaching Procedure (acetate buffer) as specified in Australian Standards 4439.2 and 4439.3.
- 2. Total sum of 4-chloro-3-methylphenol, 2-chlorophenol, 2,4-dichlorophenol, 2,6-dichlorophenol, pentachlorophenol, 2,3,4,5-tetrachlorophenol, 2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol, 2,3,5,6-tetrachlorophenol, 2,4,5-trichlorophenol, and 2,4,6-trichlorophenol.
- 3. Total sum of phenol, 2-methylphenol (o-cresol), 3-methylphenol (m-cresol), 4-methylphenol (p-cresol), 2,4-dimethylphenol, 2.4-dinitrophenol, 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol, 2-nitrophenol, 4-nitrophenol, 2-cyclohexyl-4,6-dinitrophenol and dinoseb.
- Total sum of benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylenes (includes ortho, para and meta xylenes) and styrene.
- 5. Total sum of naphthalene, acenaphthylene, acenaphthene, anthracene, benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(a)pyrene, chrysene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, fluorene, fluoranthene, indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene, phenanthrene and pyrene.
- 6. Soil containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) must be managed in accordance with the *Notifiable Chemical Order for Polychlorinated Biphenyls*, Industrial Waste Guidelines section *Polychlorinated Biphenyls* (*PCBs*) provides further information.
- 7. Total sum of carbon tetrachloride, chlorobenzene, chloroform, 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethane,
- 8. Total sum of carbon tetrachloride, chlorobenzene, chloroform, 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1,2-trichloroethane, 1,
- 9. Total sum of aldrin, hexachlorobenzene, alpha BHC, beta BHC, gamma BHC (lindane), delta BHC, chlordane, DDT, DDD, DDE, dieldrin, endrin, endrin aldehyde, heptachlor epoxide, methoxychlor and endosulfan (includes endosulfan I, endosulfan II and endosulfan sulphate).
- 10. Total sum of hexachlorobenzene(HCB), alpha BHC, beta BHC, gamma BHC (lindane), delta BHC, chlordane, endrin, endrin aldehyde, heptachlor, heptachlor epoxide, methoxychlor and endosulfan (includes endosulfan I, endosulfan II and endosulfan sulphate).





MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Waste generators must classify contaminated soil by hazard category in order to determine which facility is licensed to accept the soil. If the soil does not meet the acceptance criteria, further treatment or stabilisation will be required.

Category C and Category B Contaminated soil can be accepted at a landfill or facility licensed by EPA to accept such waste.

Category A Contaminated soil will require treatment to reduce or control the hazard before meeting acceptance criteria for disposal at an appropriate EPAlicensed facility.

Table 3: Contaminated soil management options

stabilisation will	·	licensed facility. : Contaminated soil management options					
Category A	On-site remediation Off site remediation	No disposal to landfill.					
contaminated soil	Off-site remediation Storage pending availability of treatment	 EPA transport certificates must be used. Vehicles must hold EPA permit (unless exemption issued). 					
Category B contaminated soil	On-site remediation Off-site remediation Licensed facility	Disposal to licensed facility. EPA Transport certificate system must be used. Vehicles must hold EPA permit (unless exemption issued).					
Category C contaminated soil	On-site remediation Off-site remediation Licensed landfill	Disposal to licensed landfill. EPA Transport certificate system must be used. Vehicles must hold EPA permit (unless exemption issued).					

Generators of contaminated soils may wish to submit a classification application to EPA for approval, where it can be demonstrated that a different category from that outlined above is appropriate for a particular contaminant or group of contaminants in soil. For example, a contaminant that is intrinsically immobilised (without treatment) may display a low hazard because of the very low leachable concentration, despite a relatively high total concentration. Applications will need to provide justification as to why the proposed management will achieve the best environmental outcome. Further analytical testing may also be required. The Industrial Waste Resource Guidelines (IWRG) Classifications - for Disposal provides further information on the requirements for a classification.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Australian Standard 4439.2 1997, Wastes, sediments and contaminated soils. Part 2: Preparation of leachates - Zero headspace procedure
- Australian Standard 4439.3 1997, Wastes, sediments and contaminated soils. Part 3: Preparation of leachates -Bottle leaching procedure
- Australian Standard 4482.1 2005, Guide to sampling and investigation of potentially contaminated soil. Part 1: Non-volatile and semivolatile compounds



