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**The Parliament of Victoria enacts as follows:**

**Part 1—Preliminary**

**1 What are the purposes of this Act?**

The purposes of this Act are to—

- (a) set out the procedure for the subdivision and consolidation of land, including buildings and airspace, and for the creation, variation or removal of easements or restrictions; and
- (b) regulate the management of and dealings with common property and the constitution and operation of owners corporations.

S. 1(a)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 5(1).

S. 1(b)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 47.

**2 When does this Act commence?**

This Act comes into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

**3 Definitions**

(1) In this Act—

*acquire* in relation to an acquiring authority,  
means acquire by agreement or by  
compulsory process;

S. 3  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(a).

S. 3(1) def. of  
*acquire*  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 4(1)(a).

*acquiring authority* means any person or body of  
persons authorised to acquire land  
compulsorily;

S. 3(1) def. of *applicant* substituted by No. 47/1989 s. 19(b).

*applicant* means—

- (a) a person who applies to the Council for certification of a plan; or
- (b) a person who applies to the Registrar to have a certified plan registered;

S. 3(1) def. of *approved infrastructure contributions plan* inserted by No. 7/2018 s. 16.

*approved infrastructure contributions plan* has the same meaning as in Part 3AB of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

S. 3(1) def. of *body corporate* repealed by No. 69/2006 s. 206(1).

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S. 3(1) def. of *building* amended by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(a).

*building* includes—

- (a) a structure and part of a building or a structure; and
- (b) walls, out-buildings, service installations and other appurtenances of a building; and
- (c) a boat or a pontoon which is permanently moored or fixed to land;

*certified plan* means a plan certified by a Council for lodging in the Office of Titles for registration;

S. 3(1) def. of *charge* inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(b).

*charge* includes—

- (a) a charge under section 74 of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**; or
- (b) a charge on land created under an Act other than this Act or the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**;

*collecting agency* has the same meaning as in Part 3AB of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

S. 3(1) def. of *collecting agency* inserted by No. 7/2018 s. 16.

*Council* means the Council of the municipal district in which the land in the plan is located;

*development agency* has the same meaning as in Part 3AB of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

S. 3(1) def. of *development agency* inserted by No. 7/2018 s. 16.

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S. 3(1) def. of *encumbrance* repealed by No. 47/1989 s. 5(2).

*GAIC recording* has the same meaning as it has in Part 9B of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

S. 3(1) def. of *GAIC recording* inserted by No. 42/2017 s. 48(a).

*infrastructure contribution* has the same meaning as in Part 3AB of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

S. 3(1) def. of *infrastructure contribution* inserted by No. 7/2018 s. 16.

*land* includes buildings and airspace;

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S. 3(1) def. of *land affected by a body corporate* repealed by No. 69/2006 s. 206(1).

*land affected by an owners corporation* means the lots the owners for the time being of which are the members of the owners corporation together with the common

S. 3(1) def. of *land affected by an owners corporation* inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 206(2).

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property for which the owners corporation is responsible;

S. 3(1) def. of *limited body corporate* inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(c), repealed by No. 69/2006 s. 206(1).

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S. 3(1) def. of *limited owners corporation* inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 206(2), substituted by No. 42/2017 s. 48(b).

*limited owners corporation* means an owners corporation—

- (a) that is specified as limited; and
- (b) whose purpose is to manage the land affected by the owners corporation in accordance with specified limitations

S. 3(1) def. of *lot* amended by Nos 47/1989 s. 18(1)(a), 48/1991 s. 4(1)(d).

*lot* means a part (consisting of one or more pieces) of any land (except a road, a reserve or common property) shown on a plan which can be disposed of separately and includes a lot or accessory lot on a registered plan of strata subdivision and a lot or accessory lot on a registered cluster plan;

S. 3(1) def. of *lot affected by an owners corporation* inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 206(2).

*lot affected by an owners corporation* means a lot the owner for the time being of which is a member of the owners corporation;

S. 3(1) def. of *lot entitlement* substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(e), repealed by No. 69/2006 s. 206(1), new def. of *lot entitlement* inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 206(2).

*lot entitlement* in relation to a lot affected by an owners corporation, means a number specified in the plan as the lot entitlement for that lot, expressing the extent of the lot owner's interest in any common property affected by the owners corporation;



*lot liability* in relation to a lot affected by an owners corporation, means a number specified in the plan as the lot liability for that lot, expressing the proportion of the administrative and general expenses of the owners corporation that the lot owner is obliged to pay;

S. 3(1) def. of *lot liability* substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(e), repealed by No. 69/2006 s. 206(1), new def. of *lot liability* inserted by 69/2006 s. 206(2).

*master plan* in relation to a staged subdivision using the procedure under section 37—

S. 3(1) def. of *master plan* inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(f), amended by No. 34/1994 s. 7(1), substituted by No. 80/2009 s. 95.

- (a) means a plan of all the land in the subdivision at the time of registration of stage one of the plan; and
- (b) includes any amendments to the plan made under that section;

*owner* means—

S. 3(1) def. of *owner* amended by No. 85/1998 s. 24(Sch. item 57.1 a)(b))

- (a) for land under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** (other than land in an identified folio under that Act), the registered proprietor of the fee simple in the land, or a person who is empowered by or under an Act to execute a transfer of the land;
- (b) for land in an identified folio under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** or land not under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**, a person who has an estate in fee simple in the land (except a mortgagee), or is empowered by or under an Act to convey an estate in fee simple in the land;

S. 3(1) def. of *owners corporation* inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 206(2).

*owners corporation* means a body corporate that is incorporated by registration of—

- (a) a plan of subdivision; or
- (b) a plan of strata subdivision; or
- (c) a plan of cluster subdivision;

S. 3(1) def. of *plan* amended by Nos 47/1989 s. 5(4)(a), 48/1991 s. 4(1)(g), 69/2006 s. 206(3).

*plan* means a plan under section 24A, 32B or 37 or Division 3 of Part 5 or a plan of—

- (a) subdivision; or
- (b) consolidation; or
- (c) creation, variation or removal of an easement or restriction;

*permit* means a permit under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

*plan of subdivision* means a plan showing the subdivision of land;

*planning scheme* means a planning scheme under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

S. 3(1) def. of *public authority* amended by No. 42/2017 s. 48(c).

*public authority* means a body established for a public purpose by or under any Act but does not include a Council;

S. 3(1) def. of *public open space* amended by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(h).

*public open space* means land set aside in a plan or land in a plan zoned or reserved under a planning scheme—

- (a) for public recreation or public resort; or
- (b) as parklands; or
- (c) for similar purposes;

S. 3(1) def. of *public works* inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(i).

*public works* means—

- (a) the provision of roads, reserves, open spaces or services within a subdivision;
- or

- (b) fencing, landscaping, and road works outside the subdivision for roads, reserves or public open space related to the subdivision; or
- (c) works for sewerage, drainage, water supply, power, gas or telephone to connect the subdivision to the system serving properties outside it, excluding works to connect any particular property to the system for the subdivision; or
- (d) prescribed works;

***referral authority*** means a person or body specified in the planning scheme as a referral authority to which an application for a permit or a plan must be referred, or which must be satisfied that things have been done;

***Register*** has the same meaning as it has in the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**;

S. 3(1) def. of *Register* inserted by No. 42/2017 s. 48(a).

***registered cluster plan*** means a plan of cluster subdivision registered under the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** and, if that plan is amended, that plan as amended and in force for the time being;

S. 3(1) def. of *registered cluster plan* inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(j).

***registered plan of strata subdivision*** means a plan of strata subdivision registered under the **Strata Titles Act 1967** and, if that plan is amended, that plan as amended and in force for the time being;

S. 3(1) def. of *registered plan of strata subdivision* inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(j).

***registered plan*** means—

- (a) a plan registered or approved by the Registrar under any Act, whether before or after the commencement of section 44; or

S. 3(1) def. of *registered plan* amended by No. 47/1989 s. 18(1)(b), substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(k).

- (b) a map or plan deposited or lodged with the Registrar under section 97 of the **Transfer of Land Act 1954** or a corresponding previous or subsequent enactment;

**Registrar** has the same meaning as it has in the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**;

**reserve** means land set aside as public open space, or for the use of a public authority or the Council;

**residual land** in relation to a staged subdivision, means—

- (a) land on the master plan that is not part of the first stage and is shown on the plan as another stage; or
- (b) land on a plan for the second or a subsequent stage that is not part of that stage and is shown on the plan as another stage;

**responsible authority** means a responsible authority under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

**restriction** means a restrictive covenant or a restriction which can be registered, or recorded in the Register under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**;

**site value** has the same meaning as it has in the **Valuation of Land Act 1960**;

**subdivision** means the division of land into two or more parts which can be disposed of separately;

S. 3(1) def. of *residual land* inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 4(1)(l).

S. 3(1) def. of *restriction* amended by No. 47/1989 s. 19(c).

S. 3(1) def. of *site value* substituted by No. 42/2017 s. 48(d).

*terms contract* has the same meaning as in the  
**Sale of Land Act 1962**;

S. 3(1) def. of  
*terms  
contract*  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 4(1)(m).

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S. 3(1) def. of  
*unlimited  
body  
corporate*  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 4(1)(m),  
repealed by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 206(1).

*unlimited owners corporation* means an owners  
corporation—

S. 3(1) def. of  
*unlimited  
owners  
corporation*  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 206(2),  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 48(e).

- (a) that is specified as unlimited; and
- (b) whose purpose is to manage the land  
affected by the owners corporation  
(except the use of any common  
property affected by a limited owners  
corporation);

*vesting date* means the date on which a notice of  
acquisition under the **Land Acquisition and  
Compensation Act 1986** is published in the  
Government Gazette or, if land is acquired  
by agreement the date on which the land is  
registered in the name of the acquiring  
authority under the agreement;

S. 3(1) def. of  
*vesting date*  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 4(1)(b).

*works* includes any changes to the natural or  
existing condition or topography of land  
including the removal, destruction or lopping  
of trees and the removal of vegetation or  
topsoil;

- (2) Subject to the regulations, a plan may contain  
information in any form, including words and  
drawings.

S. 3(2)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(d).

**S. 3(3)**  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 4(2).

- (3) For the purposes of this Act, the creation, variation or removal of an easement or restriction must be taken to be authorised by a permit (whether granted before or after the commencement of this subsection) or a planning scheme if the permit or scheme (by condition or otherwise)—
- (a) in any way requires, directs or allows; or
  - (b) in any other way provides for—
- that creation, variation or removal.

**S. 3(4)**  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 4.

- (4) If a planning scheme or permit regulates or authorises the variation of an easement or restriction, that scheme or permit must be taken to include an authorisation to make the variation by removing the easement or restriction to be varied and creating a new easement or restriction in the varied form.

**S. 3(5)**  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 4.

- (5) Without limiting Part 2, a Council or referral authority may, under that Part, require a plan varying an easement or restriction to be altered so that it removes an existing easement or restriction and creates a new easement or restriction in accordance with the planning scheme or permit.

**S. 3(6)**  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 4.

- (6) Without limiting Part 4, the Registrar, under section 22, may require an applicant to amend, or may amend, a plan of variation of easement or restriction so that the plan removes an existing easement or restriction and creates a new easement or restriction in accordance with the planning scheme or permit.

**S. 3(7)**  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 4.

- (7) A plan amended in accordance with subsection (6) does not have to be recertified.

- (8) If a planning scheme or permit authorising the variation of an easement under section 98 of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** does not specify the land benefited by the easement, the easement must be taken to benefit the whole of the land in the subdivision in respect of which it was created.

S. 3(8)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 4.

#### 4 What does this Act apply to?

- (1) This Act applies to—

- (a) subdivision of land; and
- (b) consolidation of land; and
- (c) the creation, variation or removal of any easement or restriction—
- (i) as part of a plan of subdivision or consolidation; or
  - (ii) in accordance with a planning scheme or permit; or
  - (iii) in any other circumstances set out in section 6(1)(j) or (k); or
  - (iv) under Division 3 of Part 5 or section 36(2)(b); and
- (d) the creation of, or dealing with, common property; and
- (e) an owners corporation; and

S. 4(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
ss 5(4)(b),  
6(1)(a),  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 5(1)(a).

S. 4(1)(c)(iv)  
amended by  
Nos 57/1993  
s. 15(2)(a),  
69/2006  
s. 207(a).

S. 4(1)(d)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 5(4)(b),  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 5(1)(a).

S. 4(1)(e)  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 207(b).

S. 4(1)(f)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 5(1)(b),  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 207(b).

(f) plans under sections 24A, 32B and 37 and  
Division 3 of Part 5; and

S. 4(1)(g)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 5(1)(b).

(g) a subdivision brought about by disposition or  
acquisition of land in Victoria by—  
(i) the Crown in right of the State of  
Victoria; or  
(ii) a body established under an Act.

Note to s. 4(1)  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 49(1).

**Note**

Section 97(1) and (2) of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**  
provides that this Act and the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**  
are to be read together.

S. 4(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 5(2).

(1A) A person (including the Crown in any right and a  
body established under the law of Victoria, the  
Commonwealth or another State) to whom this  
Act would not otherwise apply may elect to  
proceed under this Act and the **Transfer of Land  
Act 1958**.

S. 4(1B)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 5(2).

(1B) If a person other than an acquiring authority  
acquires land compulsorily or acquires by  
agreement land which it may acquire  
compulsorily and proceeds under this Act, this  
Act applies as if the person were an acquiring  
authority and as if this Act referred to the Act or  
law under which the person acquired the land and  
not to the **Land Acquisition and Compensation  
Act 1986**.

S. 4(1C)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 15(2)(b).

(1C) A plan is not required under this Act to acquire an  
easement compulsorily under section 36.



- (2) This Act does not apply to the disposition or acquisition of any land—
- (a) which can be lawfully dealt with under section 8A of the **Sale of Land Act 1962** without being subdivided; or
  - (b) if the land is disposed of or acquired by the Crown and, if it were disposed of or acquired by a private citizen, the land could lawfully be dealt with under section 8A of the **Sale of Land Act 1962** without being subdivided.
- (3) This Act does not apply to the acquisition of any land through a vesting order under section 62 of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**.

S. 4(2)  
substituted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(e).

- (3A) This Act does not apply to—
- (a) anything done under section 99 of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**; or
  - (b) anything done under section 100 or 101 of that Act in relation to an application under section 99; or
  - (c) anything done under section 103(2) of that Act.

S. 4(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 5(1).

- (4) This Act does not apply to—
- (a) the creation of a covenant, if an Act other than this Act or the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** creates it or provides for its creation; or
  - (b) the variation or removal of a covenant referred to in paragraph (a).

S. 4(4)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
ss 5(4)(c),  
6(1)(b)(i)(ii),  
substituted by  
Nos 48/1991  
s. 5(3),  
57/1993  
s. 5(2).

- (4A) This Act does not apply to an encumbrance unless the encumbrance constitutes an easement or a restriction.

S. 4(4A)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 5(3).

S. 4(5)  
repealed by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 6(1)(c),  
new s. 4(5)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 5(4).

(5) This Act does not prevent a person from creating, varying or removing an easement or restriction by using a method or procedure other than provided by this Act.

S. 4(7)  
amended by  
Nos 79/1993  
s. 10, 74/2000  
s. 3(Sch. 1  
item 119).

(6) Parts 2, 3 and 4 (except sections 24 and 25) do not apply to plans submitted under section 98CA or 98CF of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**.

(7) This Act does not apply to subdivision by the Crown in order to issue a Crown grant under any Act.

S. 4(8)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(f),  
substituted by  
No. 39/2016  
s. 33.

(8) This Act does not apply to a subdivision that occurs because of the creation of a folio of the Register under section 23(4C) of the **State Electricity Commission Act 1958**.

S. 4(9)  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 49(2).

(9) This Act does not apply to anything done under section 526, 527, 528 or 569BA of the **Local Government (Miscellaneous) Act 1958** as in force immediately before the repeal of those sections.

## 5 The procedure for certification and registration of plans

S. 5(1)  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
ss 5(4)(d),  
18(1)(c),  
48/1991 s. 6.

(1) Subject to sections 4 and 44, the subdivision or consolidation of land, or the creation, variation or removal of an easement or restriction, or the creation of common property, or any dealing with common property, must be done in accordance with this Act.

(2) If there is a subdivision by acquisition by an acquiring authority—

**S. 5(2)**  
**substituted by**  
**No. 47/1989**  
**s. 4(2)(a).**

(a) if all the land on the plan to be acquired is to be acquired by compulsory process, the authority must under section 35 submit a plan for certification—

- (i) if the land vests in the authority on the same vesting date, as soon as possible after that vesting date; or
- (ii) if the land vests in the authority on different vesting dates, not earlier than the first and not later than the last of those vesting dates to occur; and

(b) if—

- (i) the land on the plan to be acquired includes land to be acquired by agreement whether or not after service of a notice of intention to acquire as well as land to be acquired by compulsory process; or
- (ii) all the land on the plan to be acquired is to be acquired by agreement whether or not after service of a notice of intention to acquire—

the authority must under section 35 submit a plan for certification—

- (iii) if the land vests in or is registered in the name of the authority on the same vesting date, not later than that vesting date; or
- (iv) if the land vests in or is registered in the name of the authority on different vesting dates, not later than the first of those vesting dates to occur; and

- (c) the authority is not required to submit any other plan of the land except a plan under section 35.
- (3) A person who wishes to have a plan registered must—
- (a) prepare a plan in accordance with this Act and the regulations; and
  - (b) if the land is not under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**, bring the land under that Act; and
  - (c) submit the plan to the Council for certification together with an application in the prescribed form; and
  - (d) obtain a statement of compliance from the Council; and
  - (e) lodge the certified plan at the Office of Titles for registration together with—
    - (i) an application in the form approved by the Registrar; and
    - (ii) the statement of compliance obtained under paragraph (d); and
    - (iii) the prescribed information in respect of the street address and lot location of each lot on the plan; and
  - (f) in addition to any other fee payable under this Act, pay to the Registrar the fee, if any, prescribed under the **Survey Co-ordination Act 1958** for the maintenance of the survey control network.
- (4) The Council can accept and consider a plan submitted to it for certification even if a planning permit is required but has not been issued.

S. 5(3)(c)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(g).

S. 5(3)(e)  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 19(h),  
47/2004 s. 72,  
substituted by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 96.

S. 5(3)(f)  
inserted by  
No. 47/2004  
s. 72.

- (4A) The Council can accept, consider and certify a plan submitted to it even if, to make a boundary of any land in the plan accord with the boundary shown in the relevant folio of the Register, it would be necessary to make an application under section 99 or 103 of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**, and the application has not been made or has not been determined.
- (5) Any person may, with the written consent of the owner, submit a plan to the Council for certification.
- (6) An owner may act through an agent unless the regulations require a personal or sealed declaration, consent or authorisation.
- (7) If the land in a plan is not in a municipal district, the Minister may carry out the functions of a Council.

**S. 5(4A)**  
inserted by  
**No. 57/1993**  
s. 6.

**S. 5(7)**  
amended by  
**No. 47/1989**  
s. 19(i).

## Part 2—Certification of plans

### 6 What must the Council do?

- (1) The Council must certify a plan within the prescribed time if—
- (a) the plan complies with this Act, the regulations, and those requirements of the planning scheme and any permit that relate to the boundaries of roads, lots, common property and reserves and the form and content of the plan; and
  - (b) the land is under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** or steps have been taken to bring the land under the Act; and
  - (c) every referral authority has given consent; and
  - (d) all alterations required by referral authorities have been made; and

S. 6(1)(a)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 7(1).

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S. 6(1)(e)  
repealed by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 12(1).

- (f) alterations required by the Council have been made; and

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S. 6(1)(g)  
repealed by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 12(1).

- (h) where the only access to a lot is over Crown land, either a road has been reserved or proclaimed or the Minister administering the **Land Act 1958** has consented in writing to the use of the land for access; and

- (i) where the plan does anything requiring the unanimous resolution of the members of the owners corporation under Division 3 of Part 5 or an order of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal under section 34D, the plan is accompanied by a copy of the unanimous resolution or the order of the Tribunal; and
- (j) where a plan removes or varies a restriction—
- (i) the removal or variation is in accordance with the planning scheme or a permit; or
- (ii) the Registrar has declared that the restriction has been released modified or varied; and
- (k) where a plan removes or varies the whole or part of an easement—
- (i) the removal or variation is in accordance with the planning scheme or a permit; or
- (ii) the Registrar has declared that the easement has been abandoned or extinguished; or
- (iii) the easement was set aside for the purpose of a Council, public authority or other person which has requested or consented to the removal or variation; or

S. 6(1)(i) repealed by No. 47/1989 s. 5(4)(e), new s. 6(1)(i) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 7(2), substituted by No. 69/2006 s. 208(1).

S. 6(1)(j)(i) amended by No. 47/1989 s. 6(1)(d), substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 7(3).

S. 6(1)(j)(ii) amended by No. 47/1989 s. 6(1)(e).

S. 6(1)(k)(i) amended by No. 47/1989 s. 6(1)(d), substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 7(4).

S. 6(1)(k)(iv)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 4(2)(b).

(iv) all parties interested in the easement or the part of it have agreed to the removal or variation; or

S. 6(1)(k)(v)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 4(2)(b),  
amended by  
No. 52/1998  
s. 311(Sch. 1  
item 86.1).

(v) the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has given leave under section 36 to remove the easement and, if leave is given subject to conditions relating to the plan, those conditions have been met.

(2) If the conditions in subsection (1) are not met, the Council must refuse to certify the plan and give its reasons in writing to the applicant within the prescribed time.

S. 6(3)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 7(5),  
amended by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 208(2).

(3) The Council may rely on a verified copy of a unanimous resolution or Tribunal order accompanying a plan and referred to in section 6(1)(i) as conclusive proof that a unanimous resolution or order was made in those terms.

## **7 How long does certification last?**

The certification of a plan is valid for 5 years from the date of certification.

## **8 When must the Council refer a plan to a referral authority?**

(1) The Council must refer a plan to a referral authority within the prescribed time—

S. 8(1)(a)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 7(1)(a).

(a) if this is required by the planning scheme or the permit, unless—

(i) the plan is of a class exempted from the referral requirement by the planning scheme or the regulations; or



- (ii) the applicant gives the Council satisfactory evidence of the authority's consent dated not more than 3 months before the date on which the plan is submitted for certification; or
- (b) if the authority is likely to have an interest in an easement or restriction which is to be created, varied or removed, unless the authority has agreed to the easement or restriction in connection with the planning scheme or permit or otherwise. **S. 8(1)(b) amended by No. 47/1989 s. 5(4)(f).**
- (2) The Council does not have to refer a plan to a referral authority if the plan is submitted by an acquiring authority under section 35 and shows acquired land without proposing to create additional lots.
- (3) If a referral authority has required specified alterations to be made to a plan and a plan containing those alterations is submitted to the Council, the Council does not have to refer the altered plan to that referral authority. **S. 8(3) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 7(1)(b).**
- (4) The Council does not have to refer to a referral authority a plan under section 24A. **S. 8(4) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 8.**
- (5) The Council does not have to refer again to a referral authority a plan which the Council has amended after referral, if the Council considers that the amendments are minor and are unlikely to affect the interests of the authority. **S. 8(5) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 8.**
- (6) As soon as possible after certifying a plan that was not referred to a referral authority, the Council must give the authority a copy of the certified plan. **S. 8(6) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 8.**

## **9 What must a referral authority do?**

- (1) The referral authority must inform the Council within the prescribed time that it—
  - (a) consents to the plan; or
  - (b) requires specified alterations; or
  - (c) refuses consent.
- (2) If the authority requires specified alterations or refuses consent, it must give written reasons to the Council and the applicant.
- (3) If the authority does not reply within the prescribed time or fails to give written reasons, it consents.
- (4) If a referral authority requires a specified alteration to a plan, the time permitted for consideration of the plan by the authority and the Council is suspended until the altered plan is submitted to the Council.
- (5) If a plan contains all the specified alterations required by a referral authority, the authority cannot require any further alterations or refuse to consent to the plan.

S. 9(4)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 7(1)(c)(i)(ii).

## **10 Council may require alterations**

- (1) Within the prescribed time, the Council may require the applicant to alter the plan to make the plan suitable for certification.
- (2) The Council may agree to an alteration at the request of the applicant.
- (3) If the Council requires an alteration to a plan, the time for consideration of the plan is suspended until the altered plan is re-submitted to the Council.

S. 10(3)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 7(1)(d).

- (4) If a plan contains the alterations required by a Council, the Council cannot require any further alterations.
- (5) The Council must send a copy of the altered plan to any referral authority referred to in section 8.
- (6) A Council cannot require or agree to an alteration which is inconsistent with any notice of acquisition in respect of that land published in the Government Gazette, or which is inconsistent with a requirement of a referral authority.
- (7) If the plan was prepared by a licensed surveyor, the Council must notify the surveyor of the alteration required by the Council.

S. 10(7)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 17(1).

**11 Council may consent to the amendment of a certified plan**

- (1) The owner or a person with the consent of the owner or an acquiring authority may apply to the Council to amend a certified plan.
- (2) The Council must refer the application to any referral authority referred to in section 8 within the prescribed time, unless the application is made by an acquiring authority.
- (2A) The Council does not have to refer an application to amend a certified plan to a referral authority if it considers that the amendment is minor and is unlikely to affect the interests of the authority.
- (3) The referral authority must inform the Council that it—
  - (a) consents to the amendment; or
  - (b) requires alterations to ensure that the plan conforms with any requirements it made when it consented to the plan; or

S. 11(2A)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 9(1).

- (c) refuses to consent—  
within the prescribed time, giving its reasons for the refusal or the alteration.
- (4) If the referral authority does not reply within the prescribed time or fails to give written reasons, it consents to the amendment.
- (5) If a referral authority requires an alteration to a plan, the time permitted for consideration of the plan is suspended until the altered plan is submitted.
- (6) If a plan contains all the alterations required by a referral authority, the authority cannot require any further alterations or refuse to consent to the plan.
- (7) The Council must—
- (a) re-certify the amended plan or certify a new plan; or
  - (b) advise the person who made the application to amend the certified plan in writing of the reasons for refusing to do so—  
within the prescribed time.
- (8) If a new plan is submitted for certification the existing certified plan must be given to the Council.
- (9) The certification or re-certification of a plan under subsection (7) does not extend the period specified in section 7.
- (10) If the plan was prepared by a licensed surveyor the Council must notify the surveyor of an amendment applied for by an acquiring authority.
- (11) As soon as possible after re-certifying an amended plan where the amendment was not referred to a referral authority, the Council must give a copy of the re-certified plan to the referral authority.

S. 11(11)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 9(2).

**11A Council and referral authority may ask for information**

S. 11A  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 7(2).

- (1) When considering a plan or an amendment to a plan under section 9, 10 or 11, the Council or a referral authority may require the applicant to give more information about the plan within a time specified by the Council or the authority.
- (2) If the Council or a referral authority requires more information, the time permitted for the Council and the referral authority to consider the plan is suspended until the information is received or the specified time ends, whichever is the sooner.
- (3) If a Council or a referral authority has required more information and the information is received within the specified time, the Council or the authority cannot require more information to be given.

**11B Amendment to plan sealed by council**

S. 11B  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 50.

A plan of subdivision, including a plan of strata subdivision and a plan of cluster subdivision or a plan of consolidation, which has been sealed by a Council may be amended in accordance with section 11 as if it were a certified plan.

**12 Plan must show easements and other rights**

- (1) A plan of subdivision or consolidation must specify—
  - (a) existing registered easements that burden the land (other than easements over land referred to in subsection (2)(a)(i)(ii) or (iii)), the purpose of the easements and either the land benefited by the easements or, if they were authorised by or under an Act other than this Act or the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**, the public authority, Council, Minister or other person in whose favour they are created; and

S. 12(1)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 6(2)(a)(b),  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 10(1).

(b) proposed easements (other than easements over land referred to in subsection (2)(a)(i), (ii) or (iii)), the purpose of the easements and either the land which they are to benefit or, if they are authorised by or under an Act other than this Act or the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**, the public authority, Council, Minister or other person in whose favour they are to be created.

S. 12(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 10(1).

(1A) A plan of creation, variation or removal of an easement must specify the easement to be created, varied or removed, the purpose of the easement and either the land benefited or to be benefited or, if the creation, variation or removal is authorised by or under an Act other than this Act or the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**, the public authority, Council, Minister or other person in whose favour the easement is or is to be created.

S. 12(1B)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 7.

(1B) If land is described in a folio of the Register or in an instrument or plan referred to in that folio as being affected by an easement but that folio, instrument or plan does not do all or any of the following—

- (a) describe the purpose of the easement;
- (b) specify the land benefited by the easement;
- (c) if the easement is created under an Act, specify the person or authority in whose favour it is created—

a plan must be taken to comply with subsection (1)(a) or (1A) (as the case requires) if it specifies the land burdened by the easement and any other information about the purpose or benefit of the easement appearing from that folio, instrument or plan.

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- (2) Subject to subsection (3), there are implied—
- (a) over—
    - (i) all the land on a plan of subdivision of a building; and
    - (ii) that part of a subdivision which subdivides a building; and
    - (iii) any land affected by an owners corporation; and
    - (iv) any land on a plan if the plan specifies that this subsection applies to the land; and
  - (b) for the benefit of each lot and any common property—
- all easements and rights necessary to provide—
- (c) support, shelter or protection; or
  - (d) passage or provision of water, sewerage, drainage, gas, electricity, garbage, air or any other service of whatever nature (including telephone, radio, television and data transmission); or
  - (e) rights of way; or
  - (f) full, free and uninterrupted access to and use of light for windows, doors or other openings; or
  - (g) maintenance of overhanging eaves—
- if the easement or right is necessary for the reasonable use and enjoyment of the lot or the common property and is consistent with the

S. 12(2) substituted by No. 47/1989 s. 6(2)(c), amended by No. 48/1991 s. 10(2)(a).

S. 12(2)(a)(iii) amended by No. 48/1991 s. 10(2)(b), substituted by No. 69/2006 s. 209.

S. 12(2)(b) amended by No. 48/1991 s. 10(2)(c).

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reasonable use and enjoyment of the other lots and the common property.

**S. 12(3)**  
substituted by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 6(2)(d),  
48/1991  
s. 10(3),  
42/2017  
s. 51(1).

- (3) A plan may provide that some, all or none of the easements and rights referred to in subsection (2) are implied as a burden or benefit over all or any of the land on the plan.

**S. 12(3A)**  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 10(3).

- (3A) Subsection (3) does not apply to—
- (a) any part of a plan that subdivides a building;  
or
  - (b) easements or rights for existing services provided to a lot, if the lot and the land on which the service is located are not in common ownership.

**S. 12(3B)**  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 10(3),  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 51(2).

- (3B) There are implied over any road set aside on a plan, in favour of the appropriate responsible public authority or Council, all easements and rights necessary to provide passage or provision of water, sewerage, drainage, gas, electricity, garbage, air or any other service of whatever nature (including telephone, radio, television and data transmission), if the easement or right is consistent with the reasonable use of the land as a road.

- (4) Any person, Council or referral authority entitled to use an easement can gain access to that easement over the common property and any lot for the purpose of using the easement and must repair any damage caused in gaining access to or using the easement.

**S. 12(5)**  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 6(2)(e)(i)(ii),  
42/2017  
s. 51(3).

- (5) If a plan is registered on which there is an easement the person entitled to use the easement is not required to repair damage to buildings or works constructed or located so as to interfere with the exercise of rights conferred by the



easement if reasonable care is taken in gaining access to and using the easement.

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| (6) If an easement in favour of a public authority, Council, Minister or other person is specified on a plan, subsection (2) does not operate to imply an easement or right for that person for the same purpose. | S. 12(6)<br>inserted by<br>No. 47/1989<br>s. 6(2)(f),<br>amended by<br>No. 48/1991<br>s. 10(4)(a)(i)(ii). |
| (7) This section does not prevent the exercise of rights conferred by—  | S. 12(7)<br>inserted by<br>No. 47/1989<br>s. 6(2)(f).   |
| (a) an easement created in favour of a public authority, Council, Minister or other person otherwise than under this Act or the <b>Transfer of Land Act 1958</b> ; or   | S. 12(7)(a)<br>amended by<br>No. 48/1991<br>s. 10(4)(b)(i)(ii).   |
| (b) an agreement to create an easement in favour of a public authority, Council, Minister or other person made under an Act other than this Act or the <b>Transfer of Land Act 1958</b> .                         | S. 12(7)(b)<br>amended by<br>No. 48/1991<br>s. 10(4)(b)(i)(ii).   |
| (8) The easements specified on a plan or implied by subsection (2) are in addition to easements under section 98(a) of the <b>Transfer of Land Act 1958</b> .   | S. 12(8)<br>inserted by<br>No. 47/1989<br>s. 6(2)(f).   |
| (9) Section 98(b) of the <b>Transfer of Land Act 1958</b> does not apply to a plan registered under this Act.   | S. 12(9)<br>inserted by<br>No. 47/1989<br>s. 6(2)(f).   |

### 13 Certification evidence of compliance with Act

Where the Council certifies a plan, the certification is conclusive evidence that the provisions of this Act relating to certification including any preliminary requirements, have been complied with, unless, before the plan is registered, an order is made under section 39(3) and served on the Registrar.

## **Part 3—Statutory requirements for plans**

### **14 Application of Part**

S. 14  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 11(a).

S. 14(1)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 8.

S. 14(2)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 11(b).

- (1) This Part does not apply to a plan submitted by an acquiring authority under section 35 unless the plan proposes to create additional lots except for the purpose of acquisition.
- (2) This Part does not apply to a plan under section 24A.

### **15 Council or referral authority may require an engineering plan for works**

- (1) A Council or a referral authority may require an applicant to submit an engineering plan including specifications for works required under the planning scheme or permit.
- (2) The Council or referral authority must—
  - (a) approve the engineering plan; or
  - (b) specify the alterations it requires; or
  - (c) refuse to approve the plan—within the prescribed time.
- (3) If the Council or referral authority requires alterations or refuses to approve the engineering plan, it must at the same time give written reasons to the applicant.
- (4) If the Council or referral authority requires an alteration to an engineering plan, the time for its consideration of the plan is suspended until the altered engineering plan is submitted.

(5) If an engineering plan contains all the alterations required by a Council or referral authority, the Council or referral authority cannot require any further alteration and must approve the plan.

S. 15(5)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 12.

(6) The Council may make a charge not exceeding the prescribed fee for an engineering plan it prepares.

#### **16 Works must comply with standards**

Any person who constructs works must comply with—

- (a) the certified plan; and
- (b) the approved engineering plan; and
- (c) the standards specified in the planning scheme or the permit.

#### **17 Construction and maintenance of works**

(1) A person must not commence works until—

- (a) the plan has been certified; and
- (b) the engineering plan has been approved; and
- (c) any agreement required by a responsible authority or a referral authority has been entered into.

(2) A Council or referral authority may—

- (a) appoint a person to supervise the construction of the works; and
- (b) make a charge not exceeding the prescribed fee for the supervision; and
- (c) enter into an agreement with an owner or applicant in anticipation of the applicant becoming owner providing for either or both of the following—
  - (i) that works or other things required by the planning scheme or permit may be completed after registration;

S. 17(2)(c)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
ss 12(2)(a),  
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S. 17(2)(c)(ii)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 12(2)(b).

(ii) if works are required, securing compliance with section 20A.

S. 17(2A)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(j).

(2A) If land the subject of an application for a permit to subdivide or consolidate or land on a plan is located outside the district of a relevant authority, the Council, if it considers that water or sewerage services should be provided, may request the Minister administering the Act under which the relevant authority is created (if that Minister has not already made a nomination) to nominate a relevant authority to consider what works (if any) are required and, if within the prescribed time the Minister does not nominate an authority, the Council may carry out a nominated relevant authority's functions under this section.

S. 17(2B)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(j).

(2B) A nominated relevant authority may make any requirement under subsection (2) as if it were a referral authority.

S. 17(2C)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(j).

(2C) An agreement made under subsection (2)(c) by a nominated relevant authority may make provision for any matter including but not limited to—

(a) the payment by the owner or applicant of—

(i) any reasonable part of the cost of constructing works; or

(ii) any reasonable part of the cost of maintaining works for a period of not more than 5 years; and

(b) the payment by the owner or applicant of any reasonable part of the cost of the authority's general system of public utility services, based on the area or use of the land; and

- (c) the payment by the owner or applicant of any reasonable part of the cost of constructing or maintaining works on other land that are capable of benefiting the owner's or applicant's land; and
  - (d) advances to be made by the owner or applicant to the authority for constructing or maintaining works; and
  - (e) exempting the works from any provision of this section; and
  - (f) the person or body in which works are to vest or who is to be responsible for works after they are completed; and
  - (g) the referral of any proposal for works to any person or body.
- (2D) At any time after works are completed under an agreement to which subsection (2C) applies, the Council and a relevant authority may by agreement or the Governor in Council may by Order published in the Government Gazette, transfer the works and any land or interest in land relating to the works and rights, powers, obligations and liabilities under the agreement from the Council to a relevant authority.
- (2E) Subject to any agreement, subsections (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6) apply as if they referred to a nominated relevant authority as well as to a referral authority.
- (3) Subject to this section, Division 2 of Part 9 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** applies to an agreement under subsection (2)(c) as if the Council or referral authority were the responsible authority.
- (3A) An agreement under subsection (2)(c) does not have to be under seal.

S. 17(2D)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(j).

S. 17(2E)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(j).

S. 17(3)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 13(1).

S. 17(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 13(2).

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S. 17(3B)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 13(2).

(3B) If an agreement under subsection (2)(c) is not under seal, sections 174(1), 179 and 181 to 183 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** do not apply to it.

S. 17(3C)  
inserted by  
No. 3/2013  
s. 86.

(3C) If an agreement under subsection (2)(c) is under seal—

- (a) section 182A of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** does not apply to it; and
- (b) section 181(1) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** applies to it as if for the expression "must apply to the Registrar of Titles, without delay," there were substituted the expression "may apply to the Registrar of Titles".

(4) The applicant is responsible for the maintenance of the completed works in good condition and repair for 3 months or any other period which is agreed between the applicant and the Council or referral authority.

(5) After the expiry of the maintenance period, maintenance of the works becomes the responsibility of the Council or the referral authority.

S. 17(6)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(k).

(6) In this section—

S. 17(6) def. of  
*agreement*  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 13(3)(a).

*agreement* includes arrangement or understanding, whether written or oral or by conduct;

*relevant authority* means—

- (a) an authority under the **Water Act 1989** that has a water or a sewerage district; or
- (b) the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works; and

S. 17(6) def. of *relevant authority* amended by No. 48/1991 s. 13(3)(b).

*works* means works that—

- (a) are required by or for the Council or a referral authority to provide roads or public utility services to the land; and
- (b) are or are to be the responsibility of the Council or a referral authority after the maintenance period.

## 18 Council may require public open space

(1AA) Subject to subsection (1AB), this section applies if a requirement for public open space is not specified in the planning scheme.

S. 18(1AA) inserted by No. 3/2013 s. 87(1), amended by No. 35/2015 s. 16(1).

(1AB) This section does not apply to a parcel of land to which a planning scheme applies if—

- (a) the planning scheme includes an approved infrastructure contributions plan that applies to that parcel of land; and
- (b) on the development of the parcel of land—
  - (i) any land in that parcel of land specified in the approved infrastructure contributions plan to be set aside as public open space must be provided as part of the land component of an infrastructure contribution imposed under the approved infrastructure contributions plan; or

S. 18(1AB) inserted by No. 35/2015 s. 16(2), substituted by No. 7/2018 s. 17.

- (ii) a land equalisation amount (within the meaning of section 46GF of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**) will be imposed under the approved infrastructure contributions plan to pay for any land to be set aside for public open space under the plan; and
- (c) the land in the parcel of land is of a type of land specified in a direction of a Minister pursuant to section 46GJ(2)(u) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** as being land to which this subsection applies.

- (1) A Council acting as a responsible authority or a referral authority under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** may require the applicant who proposes to create any additional separately disposable parcel of land by a plan of subdivision to—

- (a) set aside on the plan, for public open space, in a location satisfactory to the Council, a percentage of all of the land in the subdivision intended to be used for residential, industrial or commercial purposes, being a percentage set by the Council not exceeding 5 per cent; or
- (b) pay or agree to pay to the Council a percentage of the site value of all of the land in the subdivision intended to be used for residential, industrial or commercial purposes, being a percentage set by the Council not exceeding 5 per cent; or
- (c) do a combination of (a) and (b) so that the total of the percentages required under (a) and (b) does not exceed 5 per cent of the site value of all the land in the subdivision.

S. 18(1)  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 14(1)(a),  
48/1991  
s. 14(1)(a)(b),  
57/1993  
s. 9(1), 3/2013  
s. 87(2).

S. 18(1)(a)  
substituted by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 3(1).

S. 18(1)(b)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 14(1)(c),  
substituted by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 3(1).

S. 18(1)(c)  
substituted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 14(1)(b),  
amended by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 3(2).



(1A) The Council may only make a public open space requirement if it considers that, as a result of the subdivision, there will be a need for more open space, having regard to—

**S. 18(1A)**  
inserted by  
**No. 48/1991**  
s. 14(2).

- (a) the existing and proposed use or development of the land;
- (b) any likelihood that existing open space will be more intensively used after than before the subdivision;
- (c) any existing or likely population density in the area of the subdivision and the effect of the subdivision on this;
- (d) whether there are existing places of public resort or recreation in the neighbourhood of the subdivision, and the adequacy of these;
- (e) how much of the land in the subdivision is likely to be used for places of resort and recreation for lot owners;
- (f) any policies of the Council concerning the provision of places of public resort and recreation.

(1B) If a Council requires an applicant to pay or agree to pay an amount under subsection (1)—

**S. 18(1B)**  
inserted by  
**No. 57/1993**  
s. 9(2).

- (a) the amount must be paid before the Council issues its statement of compliance; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (a), the time for payment of the amount is at the applicant's discretion; and
- (c) despite paragraph (a), the whole or any part of the amount may be paid after the Council issues its statement of compliance if the applicant and the Council so agree under section 21(1)(b)(ii).

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**S. 18(2)**  
substituted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 8(1)(a),  
amended by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 3(3).

(2) In the case of a staged subdivision using the procedure under section 37—

**S. 18(2)(a)**  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 14(3).

- (a) if an open space requirement is to be made, it must be made for the master plan, but may be expressed to apply to any particular stage or stages; and
- (b) if the requirement applies to the second or a subsequent stage, the location of the open space need not be defined except on the plan for that stage; and
- (c) if the requirement applies to the second or a subsequent stage and is a requirement to pay money, the total amount to be paid may be apportioned between particular stages, and the proportion need not be specified except for the plans of the appropriate stages.

(3) Land intended to be used for residential, industrial or commercial purposes includes land set aside on the plan of subdivision for roads or other reserves incidental or ancillary to the use of the land for residential, industrial or commercial purposes.

(4) The applicant may agree with the Council to set aside or pay a percentage other than the set percentage.

**S. 18(5)**  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 14(4).

(5) A public open space requirement may be made only once in respect of any of the land to be subdivided whether the requirement was made before or after the commencement of this section, unless subsection (6) applies.

- (6) A further open space requirement may only be made when a building is subdivided and a public open space requirement was not made under section 569H of the **Local Government Act 1958** or section 21A of the **Building Control Act 1981** when the building was constructed.
- (7) If any amount is paid to the Council under this section and the Council is satisfied that it is no longer intended to subdivide the land to create any additional lot, the Council may refund the amount paid to it.
- (8) A public open space requirement is not required if—
  - (a) the subdivision is of a class of subdivision that is exempted from the public open space requirement by the planning scheme; or
  - (b) the subdivision is for the purpose of excising land to be transferred to a public authority, Council or a Minister for a utility installation; or
  - (c) the subdivision subdivides land into two lots and the Council considers it unlikely that each lot will be further subdivided.

S. 18(8)(c)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 14(5).

**18A Requirement for public open space in planning scheme**

S. 18A  
inserted by  
No. 3/2013  
s. 88.

- (1) This section applies to a requirement for public open space that is specified in a planning scheme.
- (2) If a person is required to pay or agrees to pay an amount in respect of an open space requirement—
  - (a) the amount must be paid to the Council before the Council issues its statement of compliance; and
  - (b) subject to paragraph (a), the time for payment of the amount is at the person's discretion; and

- (c) despite paragraph (a), the whole or any part of the amount may be paid after the Council issues its statement of compliance if the person and the Council so agree under section 21(1)(b)(ii).
- (3) In the case of a staged subdivision using the procedure under section 37—
- (a) the open space requirement must be made for the master plan, but may be expressed to apply to any particular stage or stages; and
  - (b) if the requirement applies to the second or a subsequent stage, the location of the open space need not be defined except on the plan for that stage; and
  - (c) if the requirement applies to the second or a subsequent stage and the requirement is to be met by a monetary payment, the total amount to be paid may be apportioned between particular stages, and the proportion need not be specified except for the plans of the appropriate stages.
- (4) A public open space requirement may be made only once in respect of any of the land to be subdivided whether the requirement was made before or after the commencement of this section, unless subsection (5) applies.
- (5) A further open space requirement may only be made when a building is subdivided and a public open space requirement was not made under section 569H of the **Local Government Act 1958** or section 21A of the **Building Control Act 1981** when the building was constructed.

- (6) If any amount is paid to the Council under this section and the Council is satisfied that it is no longer intended to subdivide the land to create any additional lot, the Council may refund the amount paid to it.

## 19 Valuation of land for public open space

- (1) The Council may obtain a valuation of the land for the purposes of section 18 or 18A or a public open space requirement in a planning scheme from a person who holds the qualifications or experience specified under section 13DA(2) of the **Valuation of Land Act 1960** if the value is not agreed. S. 19(1) amended by Nos 91/1994 s. 36(9), 94/2009 s. 34, 3/2013 s. 89(1).
- (2) The land is to be valued on a day not more than 12 months before the date for compliance with the public open space requirement. S. 19(2) substituted by Nos 48/1991 s. 15(1), 3/2013 s. 89(2).
- (3) The Council must give the applicant a copy of the valuation.
- (4) Part III of the **Valuation of Land Act 1960** (except Division 2) applies to the valuation as if the valuation had been made under Part 8 of the **Local Government Act 1989**. S. 19(4) amended by No. 48/1991 s. 15(2), substituted by No. 47/2007 s. 20.
- (5) If the public open space requirement is not complied with within 12 months after it is required under section 18 or 18A or a planning scheme, the Council may obtain a revaluation at each anniversary of the making of the requirement, and vary the requirement accordingly. S. 19(5) substituted by Nos 48/1991 s. 15(3), 3/2013 s. 89(3).

## 20 What must the Council do with public open space?

- (1) A Council must set aside for public open space any land which is vested in the Council for that purpose.

S. 20(2)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 16(1).

- (2) The Council must use any payment towards public open space it receives under this Act or has received under section 569B(8A) of the **Local Government Act 1958** but has not applied under subsection (8C) of that section or the proceeds of any sale of public open space to—
- (a) buy land for use for public recreation or public resort, as parklands or for similar purposes; or
  - (b) improve land already set aside, zoned or reserved (by the Council, the Crown, a planning scheme or otherwise) for use for public recreation or public resort, as parklands or for similar purposes; or
  - (c) with the approval of the Minister administering the **Local Government Act 1989**, improve land (whether set aside on a plan or not) used for public recreation or public resort, as parklands or for similar purposes.

S. 20(3)  
repealed by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 16(2).

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- (4) Public open space can be used for municipal purposes in accordance with the planning scheme, or sold only if the Council has provided for replacement public open space.

S. 20(5)  
inserted by  
No. 7/2018  
s. 18.

- (5) This section does not apply in relation to any land that is specified in an approved infrastructure contributions plan as land to be set aside as public open space.

S. 20A  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 12(3).

## 20A Land to be marked out

- (1) If works are not required in connection with a plan of subdivision, the applicant must, before the Council gives its statement of compliance, submit

to the Council written advice in the prescribed form by a licensed surveyor—

- (a) that at the date the advice is given—
- (i) where appropriate, roads and reserves are marked out or defined; and
  - (ii) where appropriate, the boundaries of the land in the plan, the lots and the common property are marked out or defined—

and any supporting survey monumentation required under the **Surveying Act 2004** or the **Survey Co-ordination Act 1958** is in place; and

- (b) if there is a substantial discrepancy between a boundary and the boundary as shown on the plan, that a substantial discrepancy exists.

- (2) If works are required in connection with a plan of subdivision, the applicant must, not earlier than the date of completion of the works and not later than the end of one month after that date of completion, submit to the Council written advice in the prescribed form by a licensed surveyor—

- (a) that at the date the advice is given—
- (i) where appropriate, roads and reserves are marked out or defined; and
  - (ii) where appropriate, the boundaries of the land in the plan, the lots and the common property are marked out or defined—

and any supporting survey monumentation required under the **Surveying Act 2004** or the **Survey Co-ordination Act 1958** is in place; and

S. 20A(1)(a) substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 17(1), amended by No. 47/2004 s. 71(Sch. item 4).

S. 20A(2)(a) substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 17(2), amended by No. 47/2004 s. 71(Sch. item 4).

(b) if there is a substantial discrepancy between a boundary and the boundary as shown on the plan, that a substantial discrepancy exists.

(3) In this section *works* means—

- (a) works within the meaning of section 17(6);  
or
- (b) building works which define any boundary;  
or
- (c) works required by a planning scheme or permit, the plan of subdivision, an engineering plan, a nominated relevant authority under section 17, or an agreement made under section 17.

S. 21  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 8(1)(b).

## 21 Statement of compliance with statutory requirements

S. 21(1)  
amended by  
Nos 35/2006  
s. 8(1), 7/2018  
s. 19(1).

(1) Subject to subsections (2C) and (2CA), a Council must issue a statement of compliance to the applicant in the prescribed form as soon as possible after—

- (a) the applicant has given it the prescribed information; and
- (b) it is satisfied that—

S. 21(1)(b)(i)  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 19(i),  
48/1991  
s. 18(1).

- (i) all requirements of and under this Part and the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** that relate to public works have been met; or
- (ii) there is an agreement to secure compliance with those requirements.



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- (2) In the case of a staged subdivision using the procedure under section 37—
- S. 21(2)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 8(1)(c),  
amended by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 4(1).
- (a) a statement of compliance for the master plan must contain the prescribed information; and
- S. 21(2)(a)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 18(2)(a).
- (b) a statement of compliance for a plan of the second or a subsequent stage must contain the prescribed information; and
- (c) a statement of compliance for the first stage (but not the residual land) is a sufficient statement of compliance to enable the master plan to be registered; and
- S. 21(2)(c)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 18(2)(b).
- (d) a statement of compliance for the second or a subsequent stage (but not for the residual land on the plan for that stage) is a sufficient statement of compliance to enable that plan to be registered.
- S. 21(2)(d)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 18(2)(b).
- (2A) A Council, within 7 days after receiving the request for the issue of the statement of compliance in relation to a plan of a subdivision that relates to land which is within a project area for which a resolution is in force under Division 5A of Part 3 of the **Development Victoria Act 2003** levying a general development charge or infrastructure recovery charge, must—
- S. 21(2A)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2006  
s. 8(2),  
amended by  
No. 10/2017  
s. 37(1)(a).
- (a) notify Development Victoria in writing—
- (i) of the receipt of that request and the date of that receipt; and
- (ii) as to whether the land in the plan of subdivision has been the subject of a subdivision of land in the period of
- S. 21(2A)(a)  
amended by  
No. 10/2017  
s. 37(1)(b).

3 years immediately preceding the date of that receipt; and

S. 21(2A)(b)  
amended by  
No. 10/2017  
s. 37(1)(b).

(b) provide Development Victoria with a copy of the planning permit for that subdivision.

S. 21(2B)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2006  
s. 8(2).

(2B) Subsection (2A) does not apply to a plan of subdivision that involves an alteration to the boundaries of the lots on an existing plan of subdivision but does not increase the number of lots above the number of lots on that existing plan of subdivision.

S. 21(2C)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2006  
s. 8(2),  
amended by  
No. 10/2017  
s. 37(1).

(2C) A Council must not issue a statement of compliance under this section in relation to a plan of subdivision for which it has given notice under subsection (2A) unless Development Victoria has notified the Council under section 51ZA of the **Development Victoria Act 2003** that—

(a) a general development charge or an infrastructure recovery charge is not payable in respect of the subdivision; or

S. 21(2C)(b)  
amended by  
No. 10/2017  
s. 37(2).

(b) if a general development charge or an infrastructure recovery charge is payable in respect of the subdivision, the charge has been paid or the person liable to pay the charge has entered into an agreement with Development Victoria under section 51Y of that Act to pay the charge.

S. 21(2CA)  
inserted by  
No. 7/2018  
s. 19(2).

(2CA) A Council must not issue a statement of compliance under this section in relation to a plan relating to land, in respect of which an infrastructure contribution is imposed under an approved infrastructure contributions plan, unless the applicant has satisfied the Council that—

(a) in the case of a monetary component amount and any land equalisation amount of the infrastructure contribution—

- (i) the applicant has paid those amounts to the collecting agency in accordance with section 46GV(3) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**; or
    - (ii) the applicant has entered into an agreement with the collecting agency under section 46GV(3) of that Act for the payment of those amounts; and
  - (b) if any of the land in the plan is required to be provided to the collecting agency or a development agency as part of the land component of the infrastructure contribution—that land has been set aside as a reserve or a road on the plan to vest in the collecting agency or the development agency (as the case requires) under this Act.
- (3) A Council cannot refuse to issue a statement of compliance because a requirement made in relation to an application, approval, permit or certificate under the **Building Act 1993** or in relation to regulations under that Act remains outstanding.
- (4) If—
- (a) the Council and the owners of all or any of the lots in a staged subdivision within the meaning of section 37(1) have entered into an agreement under Division 2 of Part 9 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**, whether or not any other people are also parties to that agreement; and
  - (b) the Council is satisfied that the owners of any of the lots in a stage who entered into the agreement—

S. 21(3)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 18(3),  
amended by  
No. 126/1993  
s. 264(Sch. 5  
item 20).

S. 21(4)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 18(3).

S. 21(4)(a)  
amended by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 4(2).

- (i) have paid all money then due by them under the agreement; and
- (ii) have met all other obligations then imposed under the agreement; and
- (c) the Council is satisfied that, under the agreement, they have no further liability to pay money and no further obligations—  
the Council may, in the statement of compliance, provide that the agreement no longer applies to specified land in that stage.

S. 21(4A)  
inserted by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 4(3).

- (4A) In subsection (4), *stage* means—
  - (a) for a staged subdivision using the procedure under section 37, a stage provided for in that section; or
  - (b) for a subdivision of land in stages not using that procedure, the land in a plan of subdivision that, in accordance with the authorising planning scheme or permit, forms one of those stages.
- (5) If the statement of compliance contains a provision mentioned in subsection (4) and the agreement relates only to the land covered by that provision, then for all purposes the agreement ends on the date of issue of the statement of compliance.
- (6) If a statement of compliance contains a provision mentioned in subsection (4) and the provision does not cover all the land covered by the agreement, the agreement must for all purposes be taken to have been amended, in accordance with that provision, on the date of issue of the statement of compliance.

- (7) Land which was subject to a charge under section 175(4) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** and to which, because of a provision in the statement of compliance, the agreement no longer applies, ceases to be subject to the charge on the date of issue of the statement.
- (8) Sections 179 to 183 (except sections 181(1) and 182A) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** apply to the ending or amending of an agreement under this section. **S. 21(8) substituted by No. 3/2013 s. 90.**
- (8A) Section 181(1) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** applies to the ending or amending of an agreement under this section as if for the expression "must apply to the Registrar of Titles, without delay," there were substituted the expression "may apply to the Registrar of Titles". **S. 21(8A) inserted by No. 3/2013 s. 90.**
- (9) A Council, within 7 days after issuing a statement of compliance under this section for a plan of subdivision relating to land in respect of which there is a GAIC recording (within the meaning of Part 9B of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**), must give a notice to the Commissioner of State Revenue referred to in section 62 of the **Taxation Administration Act 1997** that the statement has been issued and a copy of the statement unless—
- (a) the issue of the statement of compliance is an excluded event (within the meaning of section 201RB of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**); or
- (b) any one of the circumstances described in section 201SA of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** applies to the land. **S. 21(9) inserted by No. 23/2010 s. 19.**

## 21A Enforcement of agreements

S. 21A  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(m),  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 19(a).

(1) Subject to this section, Division 2 of Part 9 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** applies to an agreement under section 21(1)(b)(ii) as if a relevant authority within the meaning of section 17(6), a referral authority or the Council (as the case requires) were the responsible authority.

S. 21A(2)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 19(b).

(2) An agreement under section 21(1)(b)(ii) does not have to be under seal.

S. 21A(2A)  
inserted by  
No. 3/2013  
s. 91.

- (2A) If an agreement referred to in subsection (2) is under seal—
- (a) section 182A of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** does not apply to it; and
  - (b) section 181(1) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** applies to it as if for the expression "must apply to the Registrar of Titles, without delay," there were substituted the expression "may apply to the Registrar of Titles".

S. 21A(3)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 19(b).

(3) If an agreement referred to in subsection (2) is not under seal, sections 174(1), 179 and 181 to 183 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** do not apply to it.

S. 21A(4)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 19(b).

(4) In this section and in section 21(1)(b)(ii) *agreement* includes an arrangement or understanding, whether written, oral or by conduct.

## Part 4—Registration of certified plans

### 22 When can the Registrar register a plan?

- (1) The Registrar may register a plan if—
- (a) it appears to the Registrar that the plan has been certified by the Council and the certification remains valid; and S. 22(1)(a) amended by No. 47/1989 s. 18(1)(d).
  - (b) the applicant provides a statement of compliance with the plan, or an acquiring authority, Minister, government department, public authority or Council submits a statement that the plan is exempt from Part 3; and S. 22(1)(b) amended by Nos 48/1991 s. 20(1)(a), 42/2017 s. 52(1)(a).
  - (c) in the case of a master plan— S. 22(1)(c) substituted by Nos 47/1989 s. 8(1)(d), 48/1991 s. 20(1)(b), 42/2017 s. 52(1)(b).
    - (i) each of those persons listed in subsection (1A) whose encumbrance mentioned in that subsection relates to the land in the first stage (but not the residual land) consents in writing to the registration of the plan; or
    - (ii) the applicant satisfies the Registrar that each of the persons listed in subsection (1A) whose encumbrance mentioned in that subsection relates to the land in the first stage (but not the residual land) consents to the registration of the plan; and
  - (d) in the case of a plan for the second or a subsequent stage in a staged subdivision using the procedure under section 37— S. 22(1)(d) substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 20(1)(b), amended by No. 34/1994 s. 5(a), substituted by No. 42/2017 s. 52(1)(b).
    - (i) each of the persons listed in subsection (1A) whose encumbrance mentioned in that subsection relates to that stage (but not the residual land) consents in writing to the registration of the plan; or

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S. 22(1)(da)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 20(1)(b),  
amended by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 5(b),  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(1)(b).

- (ii) the applicant satisfies the Registrar that each of the persons listed in subsection (1A) whose encumbrance mentioned in that subsection relates to that stage (but not the residual land) consents to the registration of the plan; and
- (da) in the case of a plan that is not a plan for a staged subdivision using the procedure under section 37—
  - (i) each of the persons listed in subsection (1A) whose encumbrance mentioned in that subsection relates to the land on the plan consents in writing to the registration of the plan; or
  - (ii) the applicant satisfies the Registrar that each of the persons listed in subsection (1A) whose encumbrance mentioned in that subsection relates to the land on the plan consents to the registration of the plan; and

S. 22(1)(e)  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 19(n),  
48/1991  
s. 20(2)(a),  
57/1993  
s. 10(1),  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(1)(b).

- (e) the land is under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** except for a plan referred to in section 35; and

S. 22(1)(f)  
inserted by  
No. 92/1989  
s. 7(a),  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
ss 20(2)(b),  
30(2)(a),  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 210(1),  
amended by  
No. 23/2010  
s. 20(a).

- (f) except for a plan referred to in section 23, 24A, 32A, 35, 36 or 37 or Division 3 of Part 5 or that is in accordance with a court or Tribunal order under this Act, none of the land in the plan is land affected by an existing owners corporation; and



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| (g) if there is a GAIC recording in respect of the land and the plan is a plan of subdivision and the application to register the plan is supported by—  | S. 22(1)(g) inserted by No. 23/2010 s. 20(b), amended by No. 42/2017 s. 52(1)(c)(i)(ii). |
| (i) a notice relating to that land issued by the Commissioner of State Revenue under section 201SZG of the <b>Planning and Environment Act 1987</b> ; or   | S. 22(1)(g)(i) amended by No. 42/2017 s. 52(1)(c)(iii).                                  |
| (ii) an application relating to that land made under section 201UC of the <b>Planning and Environment Act 1987</b> by the Victorian Planning Authority or the Commissioner of State Revenue; or                    | S. 22(1)(g)(ii) amended by Nos 11/2017 s. 99, 42/2017 s. 52(1)(c)(iv).                   |
| (iii) confirmation from the Commissioner of State Revenue that the plan is not subject to liability for a growth areas infrastructure contribution under Part 9B of the <b>Planning and Environment Act 1987</b> . | S. 22(1)(g)(iii) inserted by No. 42/2017 s. 52(1)(c)(v).                                 |
| (1A) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c), (d) and (da) the following are listed persons—   | S. 22(1A) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 20(3).  |
| (a) a registered mortgagee, registered lessee or registered sub-lessee;  | S. 22(1A)(a) amended by No. 57/1993 s. 10(2)(a).   |
| (b) the registered annuitant;  | S. 22(1A)(b) substituted by No. 57/1993 s. 10(2)(b).                                     |
| (c) a caveator claiming an interest in the freehold estate, whose caveat is recorded in the Register;  | S. 22(1A)(c) amended by Nos 57/1993 s. 10(2)(b), 42/2017 s. 52(2)(a).                    |

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S. 22(1A)(d)  
amended by  
Nos 57/1993  
s. 10(2)(c)(i)(ii),  
42/2017  
s. 52(2)(b).

(d) a person whose mortgage, annuity, caveat, lease or sub-lease was lodged before the lodging of the plan.

S. 22(1AA)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 10(3).

(1AA) If a plan provides that land becomes common property, then for the purposes of subsection (1)(c), (d) and (da) consent to the registration of the plan is not required from any person with an interest in the common property but not in the land.

S. 22(1AB)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 10(3),  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(3).

(1AB) If a person's consent to the registration of a plan is required, consent is taken to be given if the person—

- (a) requests the Registrar to register the plan; or
- (b) produces or nominates a certificate of title for the registration of the plan.

S. 22(1AC)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 10(3).

(1AC) The Registrar may treat as consent from a person whose consent to the registration of a plan is required—

- (a) in the case of a natural person, a consent or request to register the plan apparently made on behalf of that person; or
- (b) in the case of a corporation or a statutory corporation, a consent or request to register the plan—
  - (i) apparently made on behalf of the corporation; or
  - (ii) apparently signed by a director or other person concerned in the management of the corporation; or
  - (iii) apparently signed by a person who manages the corporation's transactions or securities affecting land.

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- (1AD) The Registrar need not—
- (a) enquire as to the existence or scope of the authority to sign of a person who signs a consent or a request to which subsection (1AB) or (1AC) applies; or
  - (b) call for or examine any documents relating to any of the matters referred to in paragraph (a).
- (1B) The applicant may apply to the Registrar for service of a notice under subsection (1C) on a person whose consent to the registration of a plan is required if—
- (a) the person has refused consent; or
  - (b) the applicant satisfies the Registrar that consent cannot be obtained from the person.
- (1C) The notice must—
- (a) state that the applicant has applied for registration of the plan; and
  - (b) specify a day, being not less than 30 days from the service of the notice, before which notice of refusal to consent may be given; and
  - (c) state that the person served with the notice is to be taken to have consented to the registration of the plan unless before the day specified in the notice the person gives to the Registrar written notice of refusal to consent.
- (1D) A person served with a notice under subsection (1B) must be taken to have consented to the registration of the plan if before the day specified in the notice the person has not given to the Registrar written notice of refusal to consent.

**S. 22(1AD)**  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 10(3).

**S. 22(1B)**  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 20(3),  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(4).

**S. 22(1C)**  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 20(3).

**S. 22(1D)**  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 20(3).

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S. 22(1E)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 20(3),  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(5).

(1E) Where a person whose consent to the registration of a plan is required refuses to consent, the applicant for its registration may apply to the Supreme Court for an order consenting to the registration of the plan on behalf of the person whose consent was required.

S. 22(1F)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 20(3),  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(6).

(1F) On the application, the Supreme Court, if satisfied that the refusal of consent was unreasonable, may make the order sought.

S. 22(2)  
substituted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 7(1)(e).

(2) If the Registrar is satisfied that a certified plan requires corrections before it can be registered, the Registrar may—

S. 22(2)(a)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(7)(a).

(a) if satisfied that the corrections are minor in nature, make them, or require the applicant or a licensed surveyor acting on behalf of the applicant to make them on the certified plan, without returning the plan to the applicant for it to be amended under section 11; or

S. 22(2)(b)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 52(7)(b).

(b) in any other case, return the plan to the applicant or a licensed surveyor acting on behalf of the applicant to be amended under section 11.

S. 22A  
inserted by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 97,  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 53.

**22A Registrar may require documents and information**

(1) The Registrar, for the purposes of this Act or any other Act, may require any person to—

(a) submit any certificate of title, instrument, administrative notice or other document; or

(b) give any information; or

(c) comply with any requisition relating to any land.

- (2) If the Registrar considers it necessary or appropriate to do so, the Registrar, by notice in writing to any person who has or may have the custody or control of any certificate of title, may require the person to bring the certificate of title into the Office of Titles within a period specified in the notice, being not less than 30 days from the date the notice bears, to be destroyed, inspected or otherwise dealt with, as the case requires.
- (3) Despite anything in this Act or any other Act, the Registrar, at the Registrar's discretion, may dispense with the submission of any certificate of title or any instrument or document or any signature or the supply of any information or any advertisement or notice.
- (4) The Registrar, for the purposes of this Act or any other Act, may require any person to verify any matter by statutory declaration.
- (5) The Registrar, for the purposes of this Act or any other Act, may require a person to provide a certification in accordance with section 106A of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** in place of evidence.

**22B Registrar to refuse registration if documents or evidence not supplied**

If the Registrar is of the opinion that the submission of any document, a response to any requisition or the giving of any information, evidence or notice or the doing of any act is necessary or desirable, then, if the document, information, evidence or notice is not supplied or given or the act is not done within such time as the Registrar allows—

S. 22B  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 54.

- (a) the Registrar may refuse to accept, complete or proceed with any application, registration, dealing or matter whatsoever or to do any act or make any entry or memorandum; and
- (b) the Registrar may return all or any of the instruments and documents lodged in connection with the matter that the Registrar thinks fit; and
- (c) the fees paid in respect of the matter are forfeited.

### 23 What if a planning scheme directs the creation, removal or variation of rights?

S. 23(1)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
ss 5(4)(g),  
6(3)(a)(b),  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 21(1),  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 11.

- (1) If a planning scheme or permit regulates or authorises the creation, removal or variation of an easement or restriction, the owner of the land burdened or to be burdened by the easement or restriction must, in accordance with the planning scheme or permit and with the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**, lodge a certified plan at the Office of Titles for registration.

S. 23(2)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 21(1).

- (2) The consent of any other person who has an estate, interest or claim in the land is not required to the certification and registration of a plan referred to in subsection (1).

S. 23(3)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 6(3)(c),  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 21(2).

- (3) If the planning scheme or permit also relates to the subdivision or consolidation of land, the certified plan required by subsection (1) may be a plan of subdivision or consolidation.

S. 23(4)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 21(3).

- (4) If the planning scheme or a permit regulates or authorises the variation or removal of a condition in the nature of an easement in a Crown grant, a person may proceed under this section as if the condition were an easement and, where a person does so, this Act applies as if any reference to an easement included a reference to that condition.

- (5) Subsection (4) applies despite anything to the contrary in the **Land Act 1958** or in a Crown grant.

S. 23(5)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 21(3).

## 24 What is the effect of registration?

- (1) The registration of a plan takes effect when the Registrar records that the plan has been registered.
- (2) Upon registration—
- (a) land set aside as a reserve vests in the body named in the plan freed and discharged from any mortgage, charge, notice or memorandum of charge, restriction, lease or sub-lease; and
- (ab) land set aside as a reserve for public purposes in accordance with an approved infrastructure contributions plan vests in the collecting agency named in that plan freed and discharged from any mortgage, charge, notice or memorandum of charge, restriction, lease or sub-lease; and
- (b) land set aside as a road vests in the Council or any other person or body identified for that purpose in the plan freed and discharged from any mortgage, charge, notice or memorandum of charge, restriction, lease or sub-lease; and
- (ba) any agreement under section 173 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** applying to land vested in a Council or a collecting agency under paragraph (a), (ab) or (b) ceases to apply to that land; and
- (c) any road vested in the Council becomes a public highway; and

S. 24(1)  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 19(o),  
42/2017 s. 55.

S. 24(2)(a)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 22(1)(a).

S. 24(2)(ab)  
inserted by  
No. 7/2018  
s. 20(1).

S. 24(2)(b)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 22(1)(a).

S. 24(2)(ba)  
inserted by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 98,  
amended by  
No. 7/2018  
s. 20(2).

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S. 24(2)(d)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 5(4)(h).

(d) any easement, restriction or other right is created, varied or removed as specified in the plan; and

S. 24(2)(da)  
inserted by  
No. 81/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 50).

(da) any right to take water conferred by section 8 of the **Water Act 1989** is allocated as specified in the plan; and

S. 24(2)(e)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 6(3)(d).

(e) any easements or rights implied by section 12(2) are created; and

(f) the registered plan replaces or modifies any previous registered plan; and

S. 24(2)(g)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 22(1)(b),  
amended by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 210(2).

(g) if it is a plan referred to in section 23, 24A, 32B, 35 or 37 or Division 3 of Part 5, the registered plan amends any previous registered plan in the ways indicated in that later registered plan.

S. 24(2A)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 15.

(2A) When the land set aside as a road vests in a Council, person or body—

(a) the land continues under the operation of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** and the Council, person or body is deemed to be its registered proprietor; and

(b) the Registrar need not create a folio of the register or produce a certificate of title for the land; and

(c) the Registrar may delete any folio of the register so far as it relates to that land.

S. 24(3)  
amended by  
No. 18/1989  
s. 15(b).

(3) The Registrar must create a folio of the Register under the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** for—

(a) each lot; and

(b) each reserve.



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| (4) Despite anything in subsection (3) of this section or in section 28(e), the Registrar may decide not to create a folio of the Register under the <b>Transfer of Land Act 1958</b> if—   | S. 24(4) amended by Nos 92/1989 s. 7(b), 18/1989 s. 15(b).                     |
| (a) a document required by the Registrar has not been submitted or lodged; or   | S. 24(4)(a) amended by No. 18/1989 s. 15(c).                                   |
| (b) there is an order of a court or the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal prohibiting the creation of the folio of the Register; or   | S. 24(4)(b) amended by Nos 18/1989 s. 15(d), 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 86.1). |
| (c) the creation of a folio of the register is not required by the owner and its creation would not be desirable; or  | S. 24(4)(c) substituted by No. 18/1989 s. 15(e).                               |
| (d) in the opinion of the Registrar, other special circumstances make the creation of the folio of the Register undesirable or unnecessary.   | S. 24(4)(d) amended by No. 18/1989 s. 15(f).                                   |
| (5) The Registrar must make any amendments to any registered plan or to the Register under the <b>Transfer of Land Act 1958</b> that are necessary because of the operation of this Act.  | S. 24(5) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 19(p).                                     |
| (6) Where a plan amending a previous registered plan is lodged for registration, it must be accompanied by substitute sheets for the sheets of the registered plan that require amendment, and the Registrar may substitute those sheets for the appropriate sheets of the registered plan and, on the making of the substitution, those substituted sheets form part of the registered plan. | S. 24(6) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 22(2).                                     |

S. 24A  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 23,  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 12(1)(a)(b).

## 24A Reserves and other similar land

- (1) If required or authorised to do so by the planning scheme or a permit, a person or body listed in column 1 of the Table may lodge at the Titles Office for registration a certified plan to do any of the things listed in relation to that person or body in column 2 of the Table in relation to the whole or any part of land referred to in that part of the column.

S. 24A(1)  
(Table)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 12(2).

TABLE

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Person or body</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Action</i>
A Council	Vest in itself land shown or set aside as a reserve on a registered but not certified plan.
A Council	Vest in itself land on a registered but not certified plan that is not shown or set aside as a lot, common property, road or reserve.
The person or body in whom or in which the land is vested	Remove a reservation from land shown or set aside as a reserve on a registered but not certified plan or shown on a plan prepared under this section.
The person or body in whom or in which the land is vested	Remove a reservation from land set aside as a reserve on a certified and registered plan.
The person or body in whom or in which the land is vested	Remove any restriction on the use of land vested under section 18 of the <b>Cluster Titles Act 1974</b> .

S. 24A(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 12(3).

- (1A) A plan referred to in subsection (1) may do anything else that can be done by a plan under this Act.

S. 24A(1AB)  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 56.

- (1AB) A plan under this Act may do any of the things a plan referred to in subsection (1) can do.

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- (2) In addition to the requirements of this Act about the certification of plans, the Council may certify a plan removing a reservation or restriction prepared under subsection (1) if the applicant satisfies it that the land in the plan need no longer be used for the purpose for which it is currently reserved or used.
- (3) In addition to section 24, on the registration of a plan prepared under this section—
- (a) the land in the plan vests; or
  - (b) any reservation or restriction referred to in the Table in subsection (1) is removed from the land in the plan—
- as is specified in the plan.
- (4) On the registration of a plan vesting land in a body, the land is freed and discharged from any mortgage, charge, lease or sub-lease.
- (5) On the registration of a plan removing a reservation or restriction referred to in the Table in subsection (1) over land, the land becomes a lot.
- (6) The Registrar may register a plan under this section without delivery of any relevant certificate of title.
- (7) On the registration of the plan the body in which the land is vested may—
- (a) subject to section 20 or to any other Act under which the body is created, sell it; or
  - (b) use it for any purpose consistent with any Act under which it operates and with the planning scheme.

S. 24A(2)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 12(4).

S. 24A(8)(b)  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 57.

- (8) If a body sells land under this section that was public open space, it must apply the proceeds—
- (a) first, in paying the expenses of or incidental to the sale;
  - (b) secondly, for any of the following recreational or cultural purposes—
    - (i) halls and public buildings;
    - (ii) sport, recreation, leisure and arts;
    - (iii) parks, gardens and reserves;
    - (iv) libraries and museums;
    - (v) historic buildings and places;
    - (vi) public entertainment.

## 25 Notification of Councils and referral authorities

- (1) After registration of the plan, the Registrar must notify the Council and the Council must then notify any public authority for which an easement has been created or in which a reserve has vested.
- (2) The Registrar must notify the Council if a plan which has been lodged in the Office of Titles is—
  - (a) withdrawn; or
  - (b) refused registration by the Registrar.
- (3) The Council must notify any referral authority affected by the withdrawal or refusal.

S. 25(4)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
ss 5(4)(i),  
6(3)(e)(i)(ii),  
repealed by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 24.

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## **26 Boundary plans**

- (1) A person intending to subdivide land or an acquiring authority may apply at any time to the Registrar for approval of a boundary plan showing—
  - (a) the outer boundaries of the land; and
  - (b) abuttals; and
  - (c) any other matter required by the Registrar.
- (2) The Registrar must—
  - (a) approve the plan; or
  - (b) reject the plan giving reasons in writing—  
within the prescribed time.

Pt 5 (Heading and ss 27–34) amended by Nos 47/1989 ss 5(4)(j), 9(a)–(p), 10, 19(q), 92/1989 ss 4, 5, 7(c)(d), 48/1991 ss 25–29, 30(1)(2)(b), 57/1993 s. 13, 17(2), 44/2001 s. 3(Sch. item 106), substituted as Pt 5 (Headings and ss 27–34H) by No. 69/2006 s. 211.

S. 27 substituted by No. 69/2006 s. 211.

S. 27A inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 211.

## **Part 5—Subdivisions with owners corporations**

### **Division 1—Creation of owners corporation**

#### **27 How is an owners corporation created?**

- (1) A plan may provide for the creation of one or more owners corporations consisting of the owners of specified lots.
- (2) An owners corporation may be—
  - (a) an unlimited owners corporation; or
  - (b) a limited owners corporation.
- (3) The plan must specify whether an owners corporation is an unlimited owners corporation or a limited owners corporation.
- (4) The plan must specify the lots and common property to be affected by the owners corporation.

#### **27A If there is common property an owners corporation must be created**

A plan which contains common property must provide for the creation of one or more owners corporations.

**27B Purposes of an unlimited owners corporation**

The purposes of an unlimited owners corporation must be provided to the Registrar in a manner acceptable to the Registrar.

S. 27B  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211,  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 58.

**27C Limited owners corporations**

S. 27C  
(Heading)  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 59(1).

S. 27C  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

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S. 27C(1)  
repealed by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 59(2).

(2) The purposes of a limited owners corporation must be provided to the Registrar in a manner acceptable to the Registrar.

S. 27C(2)  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 59(3).

(3) Only the members of a limited owners corporation affecting a lot are entitled to use any common property affected by that limited owners corporation.

(4) The plan may be accompanied by a document specifying the functions or obligations of the limited owners corporation under the **Owners Corporations Act 2006** that are to be carried out or complied with by the unlimited owners corporation affecting the land affected by the limited owners corporation.

(5) If a document accompanying a plan specifies functions or obligations as provided for in subsection (4), then, despite anything to the contrary in the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**, on the registration of the plan—

- (a) the unlimited owners corporation must carry out those functions or comply with those obligations instead of the limited owners corporation; and
- (b) the limited owners corporation is not required to carry out those functions or comply with those obligations.

**Example**

A document accompanying a plan may specify that the unlimited owners corporation is to issue owners corporation certificates instead of the limited owners corporation.

S. 27D  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

**27D Restriction on creation of owners corporations**

- (1) A lot must not be affected by more than one unlimited owners corporation.
- (2) A lot must not be affected by more than one owners corporation unless—
  - (a) one of the owners corporations is an unlimited owners corporation; and
  - (b) all the other owners corporations affecting the lot are limited owners corporations.

S. 27E  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

**27E Creation of rules**

- (1) A plan providing for the creation of an owners corporation or for the merger of owners corporations may be accompanied by a document specifying proposed rules for the owners corporation.

S. 27E(1)  
amended by  
No. 6/2008  
s. 37(1).



- (2) On the registration of the plan, the rules must be taken to be rules made by the owners corporation under the **Owners Corporations Act 2006** and may be revoked or amended accordingly.

**Note**

Part 8 of the **Owners Corporations Act 2006** provides for the powers to make rules of an owners corporation.

**27F Plan must specify lot entitlement and lot liability**

S. 27F  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

- (1) A plan providing for the creation of an owners corporation or for the merger of owners corporations must specify details of lot entitlement and lot liability.
- (2) The basis for the allocation of lot entitlement and lot liability and any other prescribed information must be provided to the Registrar in a manner acceptable to the Registrar.
- (3) The prescribed information that a document must contain under subsection (2) is not limited to information about the owners corporation or lot entitlement or lot liability.

S. 27F(2)  
substituted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 60.

**27G Plan may specify limitations**

S. 27G  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

A plan providing for the creation of an owners corporation may specify that the owners corporation is limited to the common property.

**Note**

The **Owners Corporations Act 2006** provides that certain provisions of that Act do not apply to an owners corporation that is specified to be limited to the common property.

**27H Registrar to record information**

S. 27H  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211,  
amended by  
No. 6/2008  
s. 37(2) (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

- (1) The Registrar must, as prescribed, record information contained in or provided with a plan and must amend that information in the prescribed manner and in the prescribed circumstances.

S. 27H(2)  
inserted by  
No. 6/2008  
s. 37(2).

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), if there is a special resolution of the members, an owners corporation may apply to the Registrar to alter the purposes of the owners corporation.

S. 27H(3)  
inserted by  
No. 6/2008  
s. 37(2).

(3) Without limiting subsection (1), if there is a special resolution of the members of an unlimited owners corporation and a special resolution of the members of a limited owners corporation, the owners corporations may apply to the Registrar to alter the functions or obligations of the limited owners corporation that are to be carried out or complied with by the unlimited owners corporation.

**Note**

See section 27C.

S. 27H(4)  
inserted by  
No. 6/2008  
s. 37(2).

(4) On the Registrar altering the purposes of the owners corporation, the altered purposes become the purposes of the owners corporation.

S. 27H(5)  
inserted by  
No. 6/2008  
s. 37(2).

(5) On the Registrar altering the functions or obligations of the limited owners corporation that are to be carried out or complied with by the unlimited owners corporation, section 27C(5) applies as if the alteration were the registration of the plan and that subsection referred to the functions or obligations as so altered.

S. 28  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

## **28 Creation of owners corporation**

- (1) In addition to section 24, when a plan providing for the creation of one or more owners corporations or containing common property is registered—
- (a) each owners corporation for which the plan provides is incorporated; and
  - (b) the owners of the specified lots become the first members of the owners corporation; and

- (c) the owners for the time being of the lots are the members of the owners corporation.
- (2) An owners corporation has perpetual succession and a common seal and is capable of suing and being sued in its own name.

**Note**

An owners corporation has the powers and functions set out in Division 1 of Part 2 of the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**.

**29 Owners corporation excluded from Corporations legislation**

**S. 29**  
substituted by  
**No. 69/2006**  
s. 211.

An owners corporation is declared to be an excluded matter for the purposes of section 5F of the Corporations Act in relation to the whole of the Corporations legislation, otherwise than to the extent that the owners corporation carries out activities that are not authorised by or under this Act or the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**.

**Note**

This section ensures that neither the Corporations Act nor Part 3 of the ASIC Act will apply in relation to an owners corporation in relation to its performance of functions or exercise of powers under this Act or the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**. Section 5F of the Corporations Act provides that if a State law declares a matter to be an excluded matter in relation to the whole of the Corporations legislation other than to a specified extent, then that legislation will not apply, except to the specified extent, in relation to that matter in the State concerned.

**Division 2—Common property**

**30 Vesting of common property**

**S. 30**  
substituted by  
**No. 69/2006**  
s. 211.

- (1) In addition to section 24, when a plan containing common property is registered—
- (a) any common property affected by an unlimited owners corporation vests in the owners for the time being of the lots affected by the unlimited owners corporation as

tenants in common in shares proportional to their lot entitlement; and

- (b) subject to paragraph (c), any common property affected by a limited owners corporation vests in the owners for the time being of the lots affected by the relevant unlimited owners corporation as tenants in common in shares proportional to their lot entitlement; and
- (c) any common property affected by a limited owners corporation vests in the owners for the time being of the lots affected by the limited owners corporation, if there is no unlimited owners corporation affecting those lots.

- (2) In subsection (1), *relevant unlimited owners corporation* means the unlimited owners corporation affecting the lots affected by the limited owners corporation.

S. 31  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **31 Registrar must create folio of Register for common property**

- (1) The Registrar must create folios of the Register for any common property in the name of the relevant owners corporation as nominee for the owners of the common property but must not produce a certificate of title for those folios.
- (2) The Registrar may require submission of and cancel any existing certificate of title for common property.

S. 31A  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **31A Dealings in common property**

- (1) The share in the common property of a member of an owners corporation cannot be dealt with except—
  - (a) as part of a dealing with the member's lot; or
  - (b) under Division 3 or section 32A; or

- (c) by the owners corporation, in accordance with the regulations.
- (2) A dealing, encumbrance or notification affecting a lot operates as a dealing, encumbrance or notification affecting the lot owner's share in the common property, even though that share is not mentioned in any document giving effect to the dealing, encumbrance or notification affecting the lot.
- (3) The Registrar may only record on the folio of the Register for common property anything affecting the common property and not a lot owner's share in the common property. **S. 31A(3) amended by No. 80/2009 s. 99(1).**
- (4) A recording made on the folio of the Register for a lot operates in relation to the owner's share in the common property as if it were also a recording made in relation to that share on the folio for the common property. **S. 31A(4) amended by No. 80/2009 s. 99(2).**

### **Division 3—Alteration of a subdivision**

#### **32 Powers to alter subdivision**

If there is a unanimous resolution of the members, an owners corporation may proceed under this Division to do one or more of the following—

**S. 32 substituted by No. 69/2006 s. 211.**

- (a) dispose of the fee simple in—
- (i) all or part of any common property vested in it; or
  - (ii) any other land purchased or obtained by it;
- (b) purchase or otherwise obtain land—
- (i) for inclusion in or to become common property; or
  - (ii) which is or is to become a lot;

**S. 32(c)**  
**substituted by**  
**No. 80/2009**  
**s. 100.**

- (c) alter the boundaries of any land affected by the owners corporation, whether or not the alteration results in an increase or decrease of the area of land affected by the owners corporation;
- (d) increase or reduce the number of lots affected by the owners corporation;
- (e) create new lots or new common property;
- (f) create and name an owners corporation and specify the land to be land affected by that new owners corporation and specify lot entitlement and lot liability in relation to that owners corporation;
- (g) dissolve itself if—
  - (i) it is an owners corporation without common property vested in it and it owns no land; or
  - (ii) it disposes under this section of all its common property and all the land that it owns;
- (h) merge with another owners corporation (created on the same or another plan) if—
  - (i) none of the land affected by the first owners corporation is land affected by the other owners corporation and the merger would not result in the same land being land affected by 2 or more unlimited owners corporations; or
  - (ii) one of the merging owners corporations is an unlimited owners corporation and the land affected by that owners corporation includes all the land affected by all other merging limited owners corporations;

- (i) create, vary or remove any easement or restriction (including an implied easement);
- (j) consolidate into a single lot all the land affected by the owners corporation if—
  - (i) it is an unlimited owners corporation and, if any land affected by it is also affected by a limited owners corporation, the members of that limited owners corporation by unanimous resolution consent to the consolidation; or
  - (ii) none of the land affected by the owners corporation is land affected by another owners corporation;
- (k) create, alter or extinguish lot entitlement or lot liability in any way necessary because of the exercise of its other powers under this section;
- (l) amend or cancel a scheme of development under the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** in any way necessary because of the exercise of its other powers under this section;
- (m) create roads or reserves.

**32AA Powers do not apply to certain changes relating to common property**

S. 32AA  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

Section 32 does not apply to a change in the ownership of the common property that occurs because of a change in the ownership of a lot.

**32AB No power to compulsorily acquire**

S. 32AB  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

An owners corporation cannot under section 32(b) acquire land by compulsory process.

**S. 32AC**  
inserted by  
**No. 69/2006**  
s. 211.

### **32AC Creation of roads and reserves**

- (1) The owners corporation may exercise its powers over land under section 32(m) even though the land is not, and will not after the exercise of the power become, land affected by the owners corporation.
- (2) The owners corporation cannot exercise its powers over land under section 32(m) so that the land vests in itself.

**S. 32AD**  
inserted by  
**No. 69/2006**  
s. 211.

### **32AD Registration of plan**

- (1) If it proceeds under section 32, an owners corporation must submit for certification and lodge for registration a plan showing the changes to be made to any registered plan.
- (2) Section 22 applies to a plan resulting from the exercise by the owners corporation of its powers over land under section 32 as if it included a requirement that the registered proprietor of land in the plan that is not land affected by the owners corporation must consent to the registration of the plan.
- (3) To the extent that a plan referred to in subsection (1) affects common property, consent to the plan is not required by any person in respect of any lot if the common property is not vested in the owners of that lot.
- (4) If a plan referred to in subsection (1) relates to some but not all of the land in the registered plan and does not relate to common property, consent to the registration of the plan is not required by any person in respect of land that is not the subject of the plan.



- (5) Despite section 24, on the registration of a plan under this section, the Registrar may if appropriate—
- (a) create a folio of the Register for the existing common property and a folio of the Register for newly created common property in the name of a relevant owners corporation; or
  - (b) create in the name of the relevant owners corporation a single folio of the Register for existing and newly created common property.

**32AE Lot liability and lot entitlement**

In exercising its powers under section 32 to create, alter or extinguish lot entitlement or lot liability, an owners corporation must comply with sections 33(2) and 33(3).

S. 32AE  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

**32AF Land to which powers may apply**

- (1) An owners corporation may only exercise its powers under section 32 in relation to—
- (a) land affected by it; or
  - (b) land (whether on the same or another plan) which, when the power is exercised, will become land affected by it.
- (2) If the exercise by an owners corporation of its powers under section 32 involves land affected by another owners corporation (whether on the same or another plan) and the other owners corporation is not a limited owners corporation all of whose members are members of the first owners corporation, the first owners corporation must first get from the members of the other owners corporation their consent by unanimous resolution.

S. 32AF  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

S. 32AG  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **32AG Dissolution of owners corporation**

If an owners corporation exercises its power under section 32(g) to dissolve itself—

- (a) the Registrar must not amend or cancel the plan to give effect to the exercise of that power unless satisfied that the owners corporation has no accrued or accruing debts; and
- (b) the owners corporation is dissolved when the Registrar amends or cancels the plan.

S. 32AH  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **32AH Merger of owners corporations**

If an owners corporation merges with another owners corporation—

- (a) the plan giving effect to the merger must specify the name (by reference to a relevant plan number) of the new owners corporation, the land affected by it, and all relevant lot entitlements and liabilities, and whether it is a limited or unlimited owners corporation; and
- (b) on the registration of that plan—
  - (i) the merging owners corporations are dissolved; and
  - (ii) land affected by those owners corporations ceases to be so affected; and
  - (iii) the new owners corporation is the successor in law of the merging owners corporations; and
  - (iv) if a new limited owners corporation succeeds an unlimited owners corporation, the new owners corporation has, in respect of the assets, rights, liabilities and obligations which

have passed to it from the unlimited owners corporation, all the functions, powers and duties of an unlimited owners corporation.

**32AI Consolidation, subdivision or alteration**

S. 32AI  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

(1) Despite section 32, the owner or owners of a lot or lots affected by an owners corporation on a registered plan may proceed under this subsection to consolidate, subdivide or alter the lot or lots owned if the consolidation, subdivision or alteration—

S. 32AI(1)  
amended by  
No. 6/2008  
s. 37(3),  
substituted by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 101.

- (a) subject to subsection (1A), does not alter the boundaries or area of existing common property; and
- (b) does not alter the boundaries or lot entitlement or liability of lots not being consolidated, subdivided or altered; and
- (c) does not add an area of land that is more than 10% or, if another percentage is prescribed, that prescribed percentage, of the area of the land in the lot or lots to be consolidated, subdivided or altered to the land affected by the owners corporation.

(1A) A consolidation, subdivision or alteration under subsection (1) may provide for the addition of new common property if—

S. 32AI(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 101.

- (a) a new limited owners corporation is created in respect of that common property; and
- (b) the new limited owners corporation is comprised solely of the lot owners who are parties to the consolidation, subdivision or alteration.

- (2) If an owner proceeds under subsection (1), the owner must submit for certification and lodge for registration a plan showing the changes to be made to the registered plan.
- (3) Consent to the registration of the plan is not required by any person in respect of land that is not the subject of the plan.
- (4) Despite section 24, on the registration of a plan under this section, the Registrar may, if appropriate—
  - (a) create a folio of the Register for the existing common property and a folio of the Register for newly created common property in the name of a relevant owners corporation; or
  - (b) create in the name of the relevant owners corporation a single folio of the Register for existing and newly created common property.

S. 32AJ  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **32AJ Restriction on alteration to plan**

If an owners corporation is created on a registered plan, the owners corporation or the owner of a lot on that plan must not submit for certification or lodge for registration a plan consolidating, subdividing, or altering the boundaries of any land affected by the owners corporation except—

- (a) under this Division or section 23, 32A, 36 or 37; or
- (b) in accordance with an order of a court or tribunal under this Act.

S. 32AK  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **32AK Identity of owners corporation not affected by alteration of plan**

- (1) Unless this Part otherwise provides, the alteration of a registered plan under this Division does not affect the legal identity or continuity of operation of the owners corporation.

- (2) If the alteration of a registered plan for which there is only one owners corporation (the **first owners corporation**) results in the creation of one or more additional owners corporations, the Registrar may rename the first owners corporation.
- (3) An owners corporation that is renamed under subsection (2) is deemed to be the same body under the new name and any reference to that body by the old name in any Act or instrument is deemed to be a reference to that body by its new name.

**32AL Registration of plan of consolidation**

S. 32AL  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

- (1) On the registration of a plan of consolidation of all the land affected by an owners corporation into a single lot—
  - (a) that owners corporation is dissolved; and
  - (b) if the land is also land affected by another owners corporation, that other owners corporation is dissolved; and
  - (c) the land vests in the former lot owners who are members of the owners corporation exercising the power, as tenants in common in proportion to their lot entitlements in that owners corporation, freed from any caveat, mortgage, charge, lease, sub-lease and from any easement under section 12; and
  - (d) the Registrar must create a folio of the Register accordingly.
- (2) The Registrar must not register a plan referred to in subsection (1) unless satisfied that the owners corporation on the registered plan has no accrued or accruing debts.

## **Division 4—General provisions relating to plans**

### **32A Total consolidation or re-subdivision**

**S. 32A**  
substituted by  
**No. 69/2006**  
s. 211.

**S. 32A(1)**  
substituted by  
**No. 80/2009**  
s. 102(1).

- (1) All of the owners of lots on a plan who are members of one or more owners corporations may submit for certification, and lodge for registration, a plan consolidating or re-subdividing all of the land on the plan that is affected by the owners corporation or owners corporations.
- (2) The Registrar must not register the plan unless satisfied that each owners corporation on the existing plan has no accrued or accruing debts.

**S. 32A(3)**  
substituted by  
**No. 80/2009**  
s. 102(2).

- (3) If a plan is registered under subsection (1), then on registration of the plan—
  - (a) any owners corporation on the previous registered plan that affected the land is dissolved; and
  - (b) if the land affected by an owners corporation in the previous registered plan was vested in one lot owner, the land vests in that lot owner; and
  - (c) if the land affected by an owners corporation in the previous registered plan was vested in more than one lot owner, the land vests in the former lot owners who were members of that owners corporation as tenants in common in proportion to their lot entitlements in that owners corporation; and
  - (d) the land is freed from—
    - (i) any caveat, mortgage, charge, lease or sub-lease; or

- (ii) any easement under section 12, unless the easement affected the land before the registration of the previous registered plan.

**32B New plan may create owners corporation**

S. 32B  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

- (1) The owners of lots on one or more plans that are not lots affected by an owners corporation may submit for certification and lodge for registration a plan providing for the creation of one or more limited or unlimited owners corporations and amending any registered plan in any way necessary because of that creation.
- (2) The plan must not provide for the creation of common property or the alteration of existing boundaries.
- (3) Consent to the registration of the plan is not required by any other person in respect of any land that is not the subject of the plan.

**33 How can lot entitlement and liability be altered?**

S. 33  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

- (1) If there is a unanimous resolution of the members, the owners corporation may apply to the Registrar in the form approved by the Registrar to alter the lot entitlement or lot liability.
- (2) In making any change to the lot entitlement, the owners corporation must have regard to the value of the lot and the proportion that value bears to the total value of the lots affected by the owners corporation.
- (3) In making any change to the lot liability, the owners corporation must consider the amount that it would be just and equitable for the owner of the lot to contribute towards the administrative and general expenses of the owners corporation.

S. 33(1)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 61.

S. 34  
substituted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **34 Recording of changes to a plan**

- (1) The Registrar must record all changes and alterations.
- (2) An owners corporation must inform the Registrar of any change of its address.
- (3) A notice to an owners corporation may be served by post and is properly addressed if the address in the notice is the one shown in the records of the Registrar.

## **Division 5—Disputes and other proceedings relating to owners corporations**

S. 34A  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **34A Disputes relating to owners corporations—general**

- (1) This section applies if a dispute or any other matter arises under this Act or the regulations and affects—
  - (a) an owners corporation; or
  - (b) an owner of land affected by an owners corporation; or
  - (c) a purchaser in possession under a terms contract of a lot affected by an owners corporation.
- (2) The owners corporation, owner of a lot or purchaser may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for an order determining the dispute or matter.
- (3) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may make any order it thinks fit on an application under this section.

S. 34B  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **34B Disputes about easements**

- (1) This section applies if a dispute or other matter arises between the owners of lots, roads or reserves on a plan, in relation to—



- (a) an easement implied by section 12; or
  - (b) the exercise of rights conferred by the easement; or
  - (c) interference with the easement; or
  - (d) maintenance or repair obligations in relation to the easement.
- (2) Any of the owners may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for an order determining the dispute or matter.
- (3) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may make any order it thinks fit on an application under this section.

**34C VCAT may refer matter to County Court**

S. 34C  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may refer a dispute or other matter to which section 34A or 34B applies to the County Court, on its own motion or on the application of a party if the Tribunal is satisfied that it ought to be so referred having regard to—

- (a) the fact that the dispute or other matter raises a question of general importance; and
- (b) this Act and the regulations; and
- (c) the complexity of the matter; and
- (d) the amount (if any) in dispute.

**34D Applications relating to plans**

S. 34D  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

- (1) A member of the owners corporation, an owners corporation, an administrator of an owners corporation or a person with an interest in the land affected by the owners corporation may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for—

- (a) an order requiring the owners corporation to do any of the things set out in section 32 or 33; or
  - (b) an order consenting on behalf of a member or group of members of an owners corporation to the doing by the owners corporation of any of the things set out in section 32 or 33; or
  - (c) an order consenting on behalf of a person whose consent to the registration of a plan is required under section 22; or
  - (d) an order restraining the owners corporation from doing any action under this Act or the regulations.
- (2) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may make an order on an application under subsection (1)(a) even though there is no unanimous resolution of the owners corporation authorising the action.
- (3) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal must not make an order on an application under subsection (1)(b) unless it is satisfied that—
- (a) the member or group of members cannot vote because the member is or the members are dead, out of Victoria, or cannot be found; or
  - (b) for any other reason it is impracticable to obtain the vote of the member or members; or
  - (c) the member has or members have refused consent to the proposed action and—
    - (i) more than half of the membership of the owners corporation having total lot entitlements of more than half of the total lot entitlement of the members of

the owners corporation consent to the proposed action; and

- (ii) the purpose for which the action is to be taken is likely to bring economic or social benefits to the subdivision as a whole greater than any economic or social disadvantages to the members who did not consent to the action.
- (4) For the purposes of sections 32 and 33, an order made on an application under subsection (1)(b) is to be treated as a vote by the member in favour of the proposed action of the plan.
  - (5) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal must not make an order on an application under subsection (1)(c) unless it is satisfied that—
    - (a) the person whose consent is required is dead or out of Victoria or cannot be found; or
    - (b) it is otherwise impracticable to obtain the person's consent; or
    - (c) it is impracticable to serve the person with the notice under section 22(1B).
  - (6) Subject to this section, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may make any order it thinks fit on an application under this section.

**34E Application for order requiring owners corporation to comply**

- (1) A person (including a Minister, the Council or a public authority) for whose benefit a requirement or duty is imposed on an owners corporation by this Act or the regulations may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for an order compelling the owners corporation to carry out the requirement or perform the duty.

S. 34E  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

- (2) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may make any order it thinks fit on an application under this section.

S. 34F  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **34F Order to Registrar**

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may in an order under this Division direct or authorise the Registrar to dispense with the delivery of any certificate of title or duplicate instrument or other document.

## **Division 6—Winding up of owners corporation**

S. 34G  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

### **34G Winding up of an owners corporation**

- (1) An owners corporation, a member of the owners corporation, an administrator of an owners corporation or a registered mortgagee may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for the winding up of the owners corporation.
- (2) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may order the owners corporation to be wound up if it decides that is just and equitable.
- (3) A person claiming an estate or interest in the land, a creditor of the owners corporation and an insurer who has insurance over any part of the land have a right to be heard in an application.
- (4) Notice of an application must be served on the Registrar who must record the notice in the prescribed manner.
- (5) The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may make any directions or impose any conditions or vary, modify or cancel the order as it thinks fit.

**34H Cancellation or amendment of plan on winding up**

S. 34H  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 211.

- (1) If the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal makes an order under section 34G in respect of an unlimited owners corporation, the applicant for the order may apply to the Registrar for the amendment or cancellation of the plan and the Registrar may amend or cancel the plan in accordance with the order.
- (2) If the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal makes an order under section 34G in respect of a limited owners corporation, the applicant for the order may apply to the Registrar for the amendment of the plan and the Registrar may amend the plan in accordance with the order.
- (3) An unlimited owners corporation is dissolved when the Registrar amends or cancels the plan under subsection (1) and, subject to the order of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the lots and common property (if any) become a single lot and vest in the former lot owners as tenants in common, in proportion to their lot entitlements and the Registrar must create a folio of the Register accordingly.
- (4) A limited owners corporation is dissolved when the Registrar amends the plan under subsection (2).
- (5) After amending or cancelling the plan, the Registrar must notify the Council.

## Part 6—Miscellaneous

### 35 Acquisition of land by acquiring authority

S. 35  
substituted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 4(3).

S. 35(1)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 31(1).

(1) If an acquiring authority is to acquire or acquires land that cannot be disposed of without being subdivided, the authority must, in accordance with section 5(2), submit a plan to the Council for certification and lodge it for registration as if the authority were the owner of all the land to be subdivided by the acquisition.

S. 35(2)  
amended by  
Nos 48/1991  
s. 31(2),  
69/2006  
s. 212(a).

(2) If a plan submitted by the authority for certification relates to part of the land affected by an owners corporation, the Council may require the acquiring authority to submit for certification a new plan of the land affected by the owners corporation or to amend the plan so that it includes all that land.

S. 35(3)(a)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 31(3)(a).

(3) A plan submitted by an acquiring authority—  
(a) may do anything which can be done by a plan including, but not limited to, one or more of the following:

S. 35(3)(a)(i)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(1)(a).

- (i) Maintain without alteration of boundaries except for the purposes of acquisition or to correct any minor defect in boundaries found on survey the number of separately disposable parcels of land in the area covered by the plan, excluding the land to be acquired;
- (ii) Reduce the number of separately disposable parcels of land in the area covered by the plan, excluding the land to be acquired;

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| (ia) Alter any separately disposable parcels of land, excluding the land to be acquired;  | S. 35(3)(a)(ia) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(3)(b).  |
| (iib) Subject to section 33(2) and (3), create new lot entitlements or lot liabilities;   | S. 35(3)(a)(iib) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(3)(b). |
| (iii) Create additional lots;   |   |
| (iv) Include land that the authority does not intend to acquire any part of which abuts other land in the plan;                         |   |
| (v) Include land any part of which abuts land in the plan that is either vested in or registered in the name of the authority;          |   |
| (vi) Alter the lot entitlement or liability of land on the plan;  |   |
| (via) Consolidate into a single lot all or any of the land on the plan to be acquired by the authority;                                 | S. 35(3)(a)(via) inserted by No. 57/1993 s. 14(1)(b). |
| (vii) Amend a registered plan in any way necessary because of the things done by the plan; and  | S. 35(3)(a)(vii) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(3)(c). |
| (b) must state which land is to be acquired by the authority and whether it is to be acquired free from or subject to encumbrances; and | S. 35(3)(b) amended by No. 57/1993 s. 17(3).          |
| (c) having regard to subsection (6), must, for each thing done by the plan, state whether it is to happen—                              | S. 35(3)(c) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(3)(d).      |
| (i) on the registration of the plan; or   |   |

S. 35(3)(c)(iii)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(1)(c).

(ii) to the extent that it relates to land acquired by compulsory process, when the Registrar records the vesting date; or

(iii) to the extent that it relates to land acquired by agreement, on the vesting date; and

S. 35(3)(d)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(1)(c).

(d) if the plan consolidates land acquired or to be acquired by the authority, must (despite paragraph (c)) state that the consolidation is to happen—

(i) on the registration of the plan, if all the land to be consolidated has been acquired by the authority before that registration; or

(ii) if any of the land is acquired after the registration of the plan, on the last of the vesting dates of, or recorded for, that land.

S. 35(4)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 31(4).

(4) Consent to the registration of the plan is not required by any person to the extent that the plan—

S. 35(4)(a)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(2)(a).

(a) maintains without alteration of boundaries, except for the purposes of acquisition or to correct any minor defect in boundaries found on survey, the number of separately disposable parcels of land in the area covered by the plan, excluding the land to be acquired; or

(b) creates new lot entitlements or lot liability as a result of the acquisition; or

S. 35(4)(c)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(2)(b).

(c) relates to land vested in or registered in the name of the Authority; or



- (d) relates to land acquired or to be acquired by the authority. **S. 35(4)(d) inserted by No. 57/1993 s. 14(2)(b).**
- (5) Sections 5(3)(b) and 6(1)(b) do not apply to land in a plan submitted or lodged under this section. **S. 35(5) substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(4).**
- (6) If a plan lodged by an acquiring authority is registered—
- (a) the authority must advise the Registrar of the vesting date of each piece of land in the plan acquired or to be acquired by compulsory process as soon as possible after that vesting date; and
- (b) the Registrar must record the vesting dates advised by the authority; and
- (c) any thing done by the plan (except consolidation) in relation to land to be acquired by compulsory process has effect when the Registrar records the vesting date of that land, and this Act applies to those things as if the plan were registered on that date; and **S. 35(6)(c) substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(5)(a), amended by No. 57/1993 s. 14(3)(a).**
- (d) any thing done by the plan (except consolidation) in relation to land to be acquired by agreement has effect on the vesting date of that land, and this Act applies to those things as if the plan were registered on that date; and **S. 35(6)(d) substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(5)(a), amended by No. 57/1993 s. 14(3)(a).**
- (e) any thing else done by the plan (except consolidation) has effect when the plan is registered; and **S. 35(6)(e) substituted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(5)(a), amended by No. 57/1993 s. 14(3)(a).**

S. 35(6)(ea)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 31(5)(a).

(ea) this Act applies to land on the plan that the authority acquires by agreement as if section 24(2)(c) referred to "registered in the name of" instead of "vested" and section 24(2A) referred to "is registered in the name of" instead of "vests"; and

S. 35(6)(eb)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 31(5)(a).

(eb) despite paragraphs (c) and (d), the boundaries of the land to be acquired are those shown on the plan but the status of that land does not change unless in accordance with paragraph (c) or (d); and

(f) the holder of any relevant certificate of title for land in the plan must, if requested, deliver it to the Registrar; and

S. 35(6)(g)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 31(5)(b),  
amended by  
No. 85/1998  
s. 24(Sch.  
item 57.2).

(g) if any land in the plan is not under the operation of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** or steps have not been taken to bring it under that Act, the Registrar, before registering the plan, must bring the land under the operation of that Act; and

S. 35(6)(h)  
inserted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 31(5)(b),  
amended by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 212(b).

(h) unless the plan states that land is to remain land affected by an owners corporation and its existing lot entitlement and liability is to continue, the land acquired ceases to be land affected by an owners corporation and to have any lot entitlement or liability—

(i) if it is acquired by compulsory process, when the Registrar records the vesting date of the land; or

S. 35(6)(h)(ii)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(3)(b).

(ii) if it is acquired by agreement, on the vesting date; and

S. 35(6)(i)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(3)(b).

(i) to the extent indicated by the plan, land is consolidated into a single lot on the date indicated in the plan; and

- (j) if on the registration of the plan there is still land to be acquired by the authority, then despite anything to the contrary in section 24 the Registrar need not create folios of the Register for that land until the last of the vesting dates for or recorded for that land; and
- (k) if the plan consolidates land into a single lot, then despite anything to the contrary in section 24 or paragraph (j) the Registrar need not create a folio of the Register for the land until the consolidation occurs and may then create a single folio of the Register for the land in the name of the authority; and
- (l) the Registrar may create any folio of the Register in the name of the authority, for land on the plan that is vested in or acquired by the authority.
- (7) This Act does not limit or affect the operation of the **Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986**.
- (8) An acquiring authority may under this section submit for certification and lodge for registration a plan subdividing or consolidating any land vested in it or registered in its name.
- (9) Subsections (2) to (6) apply to a plan referred to in subsection (8) as if—
- (a) the land in the plan were land acquired by the authority;
- (b) subsection (3)(a)(i) provided—
- "(i) maintain the number of separately disposable parcels of land in the area covered by the plan;"
- S. 35(6)(j) inserted by No. 57/1993 s. 14(3)(b).
- S. 35(6)(k) inserted by No. 57/1993 s. 14(3)(b).
- S. 35(6)(l) inserted by No. 57/1993 s. 14(3)(b).
- S. 35(7) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(6).
- S. 35(8) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(6), amended by No. 57/1993 s. 14(4).
- S. 35(9) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 31(6).
- S. 35(9)(b) substituted by No. 57/1993 s. 14(5).

(c) in subsection (3)(a)(ii) the reference to "excluding the land to be acquired" were deleted;

(d) subsection (3)(b)(c) and subsection (6)(a) to (d) and (ea) were deleted.

S. 35(10)  
inserted by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 14(6).

(10) Without limiting subsection (9), a plan referred to in subsection (8) may do anything that can be done by a plan referred to in section 24A.

### **36 Power of owner to acquire or remove easements**

S. 36(1)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 32(1),  
amended by  
Nos 34/1994  
s. 6(1),  
52/1998  
s. 311(Sch. 1  
item 86.2(a)).

(1) If—

(a) when considering a proposed amendment to a planning scheme or an application for a permit or to amend a permit; or

(b) in implementing an amendment to a planning scheme; or

(c) in a condition in a permit—

the Council or a referral authority states in writing that it considers that the economical and efficient subdivision or consolidation (whether existing or proposed) or servicing of, or access to, land covered by the amendment, proposed amendment, application or permit requires the owner of land to—

(d) remove a right of way over the owner's land;  
or

(e) acquire or remove an easement over—

(i) other land in the subdivision or consolidation; or

(ii) other land in the vicinity—

and that the removal or acquisition will not result in an unreasonable loss of amenity in the area affected by the removal or acquisition, the owner may apply to the Victorian Civil and

Administrative Tribunal for leave to remove the right of way or acquire or remove the easement compulsorily.

(1AA) In conferring powers on a Council or referral authority under subsection (1) it is the intention of Parliament that, in considering a matter for the purposes of that subsection, the Council or referral authority should make an assessment of the engineering and amenity aspects of the matter, is not bound to notify anyone affected or to hear objections, but objections to that assessment may be raised before the Tribunal.

S. 36(1AA) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 32(1), amended by No. 34/1994 s. 6(2).

(1A) The Tribunal may give leave subject to any conditions it thinks fit.

S. 36(1A) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 4(4)(a), amended by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 86.2(b)).

(2) If leave is given—

(a) in accordance with any conditions to which the leave is subject, the owner may compulsorily acquire the easement and—

S. 36(2) substituted by No. 47/1989 s. 4(4)(b).

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S. 36(2)(a)(i) repealed by No. 57/1993 s. 15(1).

(ii) the **Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986** applies to the acquirement of the easement, and for that purpose this section is the special Act and the owner is the Authority; or

(b) in accordance with any conditions to which leave is subject, the owner may submit for certification and lodge for registration a plan to remove the easement and—

S. 36(2)(b)(i)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 32(2).

(i) unless the Tribunal otherwise directs, the consent of any person having an interest in land benefited by the easement is not required for its removal, and section 22(1)(c)(d) and (da) does not apply to the removal of the easement; and

S. 36(2)(b)(ii)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 32(3).

(ii) Parts 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11 of the **Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986** apply to claims for compensation on the removal of the easement by persons having an interest in land benefited by the easement as if the owner who removed the easement had acquired by compulsory process an interest in land benefited by the easement, and for that purpose this section is the special Act and that owner is the Authority.

S. 36(3)  
repealed by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 32(4).

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S. 37  
substituted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 8(2).

### 37 Staged subdivision

- (1) A staged subdivision is a scheme for the subdivision of land in stages.
- (2) If a planning scheme or permit authorises a staged subdivision, that staged subdivision may be done—
  - (a) as a series of separate subdivisions in accordance with the provisions of this Act other than this section; or
  - (b) by using the procedure set out in subsections (3) to (10).

S. 37(2)  
repealed by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 33(1),  
new s. 37(2)  
inserted by  
No. 34/1994  
s. 7(2).

- (3) If a planning scheme or permit authorises a staged subdivision and the procedure in this section is used—
- (a) a master plan must be submitted for certification and lodged for registration and must specify the lots in the first stage and contain the prescribed information; and
  - (b) a plan for the second or a subsequent stage must contain the prescribed information; and
  - (c) a plan for the second or a subsequent stage may do any one or more of the following—
    - (i) create additional lots on, or alter the lots on, the land in that stage;
    - (ii) in relation to the land in that stage, create an owners corporation, common property, lot entitlement or lot liability; **S. 37(3)(c)(ii) amended by No. 69/2006 s. 212(c).**
    - (iii) create, vary or remove an easement or restriction over land in that stage;
    - (iiia) Set aside additional roads or reserves on the land in that stage; **S. 37(3)(c)(iiia) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 33(2).**
    - (iv) Amend the master plan or a plan for an earlier stage by—
      - (A) adding to the membership of an existing owners corporation; or **S. 37(3)(c)(iv)(A) amended by No. 69/2006 s. 212(d).**
      - (B) adding to existing common property; or
      - (C) Subject to sections 33(2) and (3), changing lot entitlement or liability of existing lots; or

S. 37(3)(c)(iv)(D)  
amended by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 103(a).

(D) showing land on that plan as land benefited by an easement or restriction created over the land in the plan for the second or subsequent stage.

S. 37(3)(c)(v)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 33(5),  
repealed by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 103(b).

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S. 37(4)  
amended by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 212(e).

(4) The amendment of a registered plan under this section does not affect the legal identity or continuity of operation of an owners corporation created on the plan.

S. 37(5)  
amended by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 212(f).

(5) A plan for a second or a subsequent stage may be submitted for certification and lodged for registration by the owner of all the land in that stage or the applicant for the certification and registration of the master plan, and, if an owners corporation is created on the master plan or a plan for an earlier stage, the unanimous resolution of the owners corporation is not required for any change made to that plan by a plan for a subsequent stage.

(6) When registering a master plan, the Registrar must record the prescribed information.

(7) When registering a plan for the second or a subsequent stage, the Registrar must—

(a) record the prescribed information; and

(b) make any necessary amendments to the information recorded for any earlier stage that are necessary because of the registration of the subsequent plan.



- (8) A plan for the second or a subsequent stage may take the land in that stage or in that or any future stages out of the staged subdivision and, if it does this—
- (a) must amend the master plan so as to show the land as a lot on the plan; and
  - (b) subject to section 33(2) and (3), must make any necessary amendments to lot entitlement and liability; and
  - (c) may provide that the land in the plan becomes a lot affected by any relevant owners corporation.
- (9) On the registration of a plan referred to in subsection (8)—
- (a) this section ceases to apply to the land in the plan; and
- \* \* \* \* \*
- (c) any requirement made in the statement of compliance for the master plan ceases to apply to the land in the newly registered plan.
- (10) A plan referred to in subsection (8) may amend the master plan or a plan for any earlier stage in any way necessary because the land in the plan is taken out of the staged subdivision.

**S. 37(8)**  
inserted by  
**No. 48/1991**  
s. 33(6).

**S. 37(8)(c)**  
amended by  
**No. 69/2006**  
s. 212(g).

**S. 37(9)**  
inserted by  
**No. 48/1991**  
s. 33(6).

**S. 37(9)(b)**  
repealed by  
**No. 57/1993**  
s. 16.

**S. 37(10)**  
inserted by  
**No. 48/1991**  
s. 33(6).

S. 38  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 9(q)–(s),  
57/1989  
s. 5(6),  
48/1991 s. 34,  
34/1994 s. 8,  
repealed by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 213,  
new s. 38  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 62.

### **38 Amendment to accessory lot on plan**

- (1) With the written consent of the Council, the owner of an accessory lot on a plan of strata subdivision or of an accessory lot on a plan of cluster subdivision may apply in the form approved by the Registrar to have the plan amended so that the lot is no longer shown as an accessory lot.
- (2) The Registrar may amend the plan in accordance with an application.
- (3) On the amendment of the plan, the lot ceases to be an accessory lot and becomes a lot for the purposes of this Act.
- (4) The Registrar may make any amendments to the Register that are necessary because of the operation of this section.

S. 38A  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 62.

### **38A Amendment to restricted lot on plan**

- (1) With the written consent of the Council, the owner of a restricted lot on a plan of strata subdivision or a restricted lot on a plan of cluster subdivision may apply in the form approved by the Registrar to remove the restriction.
- (2) The Registrar may amend the plan in accordance with the application.
- (3) On the amendment of the plan the notice ceases to apply to that lot.

S. 38B  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 62.

### **38B Application by owners corporation for amendment to scheme of development for cluster subdivision**

With the written consent of the Council, an owners corporation may apply in the form approved by the Registrar to the Registrar to cancel or alter a scheme of development accompanying a plan of cluster subdivision.

**38C Application by lot owner for amendment to scheme of development for cluster subdivision**

S. 38C  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 62.

With the written consent of the Council, the owner of a lot on a plan of cluster subdivision may apply in the form approved by the Registrar to the Registrar to cancel or alter the scheme of development accompanying the plan so far as it affects that lot.

**38D Power of Registrar to deal with applications under section 38B or 38C**

S. 38D  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 62.

- (1) The Registrar may cancel or alter the scheme of development in accordance with the application under section 38B or 38C.
- (2) If cancelled, the scheme of development ceases to have effect.
- (3) If altered, the scheme of development has effect as altered by the Registrar.

**38E Consent for amendment to plan**

S. 38E  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 62.

On an application under section 38, 38A, 38B or 38C, the consent of any person who has an estate, interest or claim in the land is not required.

**38F Proceedings for further stages of development of land in plan of cluster subdivision**

S. 38F  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 62.

If a plan of cluster subdivision for the development of land in stages has been registered—

- (a) before the commencement of section 44(5E) of the **Subdivision Act 1988** as in force immediately before the commencement of the **Land Legislation Amendment Act 2017**; or
- (b) on or after the commencement of section 44(5E) of the **Subdivision Act 1988** as in force immediately before the commencement

of the **Land Legislation Amendment Act 2017**, under the provisions applied by section 44(3B) of the **Subdivision Act 1988** as in force immediately before the commencement of the **Land Legislation Amendment Act 2017**—

proceedings may be taken in relation to any further stage in the development or to have a plan substituted as if the **Subdivision Act 1988** (except for sections 44(2) to 44(11)) as in force immediately before the commencement of the **Land Legislation Amendment Act 2017** had not commenced, and Part IV of the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** and any regulations made under that Act for the purposes of that Part continue, subject to Schedule 2, to apply to that staged development.

### 39 General disputes arising under this Act

S. 39  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 214(1).

- (1) An owner, an applicant, a Council or a referral authority may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for the determination of a dispute arising under this Act or the regulations.

S. 39(1)  
amended by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 35(a),  
substituted by  
No. 52/1998  
s. 311(Sch. 1  
item 86.3).

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a dispute—

S. 39(2)(a)  
amended by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 214(2).

- (a) under section 35 or referred to in Division 5 of Part 5; or

S. 39(2)(b)  
amended by  
No. 92/1989  
s. 7(e),  
substituted by  
No. 52/1998  
s. 311(Sch. 1  
item 86.4).

- (b) that involves a decision or matter referred to in section 149 or 149A of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**; or

- (c) relating to an enforcement order under section 114 of that Act; or
  - (d) relating to an agreement under section 173 of that Act; or
  - (e) relating to orders of a Court.
- (3) On the application of any person, a referral authority, a responsible authority or the Minister, the County Court may order that the registration of a certified plan be stopped if there has been—
- (a) a material mis-statement or concealment of fact in the application for certification or in relation to the statement of compliance under section 21; or
  - (b) a material breach of this Act or the regulations or of any other Act or regulations or the planning scheme; or
  - (c) any failure to give notice under section 22(1B) when requested to do so.
- (4) In an urgent case, the Court may make an interim order under subsection (3) without first giving notice to any person.
- (5) Any dispute under section 35 must be referred to the Minister, whose decision takes the place of the decision of the Council or a referral authority.

S. 39(3)(c)  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 35(b).

#### **40 Review of refusal or failure to decide**

- (1) An applicant may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for review of—
- (a) a decision of a Council to refuse to—
    - (i) certify or re-certify a plan; or
    - (ii) approve an engineering plan; or
    - (iii) issue a statement of compliance; or

S. 40  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 19(r),  
48/1991  
s. 36(1)–(3),  
substituted by  
No. 52/1998  
s. 311(Sch. 1  
item 86.5).

S. 40(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 47/2007  
s. 21.

- (b) a decision of a referral authority to—
    - (i) refuse to consent to the certification or amendment of a plan; or
    - (ii) refuse to approve an engineering plan; or
    - (iii) make a requirement under section 44(3F); or
  - (c) a decision of a Council or referral authority to require alterations to a plan or an engineering plan; or
  - (d) a decision of a Council or referral authority to require the applicant to enter into an agreement under section 17(2)(c) or 21(1)(b)(ii).
- (2) An owner who requests the Council or a referral authority to make a statement under section 36 or has applied for a permit or requested a permit to be amended may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for review of a decision of the Council or referral authority to refuse to make the statement.
  - (3) A reference in subsection (2) to a decision to refuse to make a statement includes a reference to a failure to make the statement within the prescribed time.
  - (4) A reference in subsection (1) or (2) to a decision to refuse to do a thing includes a reference to a failure to do that thing.
  - (5) An applicant under section 44(4A), (5), (5A) or (5B) may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for review of a refusal of the Council to consent to the application.
  - (6) Without limiting its powers on review, if the Tribunal finds that a Council or referral authority has unreasonably refused or failed to take any

action, the Tribunal may order that the action be carried out by another person, wholly or partly, at the cost of the Council or referral authority.

#### **41 Application for declaration**

- (1) A person may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for a declaration concerning any matter that could form the subject of an application to that Tribunal under this Act (except an application under section 39).
- (2) On an application under subsection (1) the Tribunal may make any declaration it thinks appropriate in the circumstances.
- (3) The Tribunal's power to make a declaration under this section is exercisable only by a presidential member of the Tribunal.

S. 41 amended by No. 47/1989 s. 16, repealed by No. 12/1989 s. 4(1)(Sch. 2 item 114.1) (as amended by No. 53/1988 s. 45 (as amended by No. 47/1989 s. 23)), new s. 41 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 86.6).

#### **41A Parties not restricted to grounds previously notified**

A party in a proceeding for review under this Act is not restricted at the hearing of the proceeding to any grounds previously notified to the other parties (whether in the course of or before the proceeding) or the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

S. 41A inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 86.6).

#### **41B Matters Tribunal must take into account**

In determining an application under this Act (other than an application under section 39) the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal must—

- (a) take into account any relevant planning scheme; and
- (b) where appropriate, have regard to any planning scheme or amendment adopted by a planning authority under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** but not, as at the date the application is determined, approved

S. 41B inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 86.6).

S. 41B(b) amended by No. 81/2004 s. 51.

- by the Minister or the planning authority;  
and
- (c) take account of and give effect to any relevant State environment protection policy declared in any Order made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the **Environment Protection Act 1970**; and
  - (d) where appropriate, have regard to any agreement made under section 173 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** affecting land the subject of the application.

#### 42 Delegation by the Minister

S. 42(1)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

- (1) The Minister may delegate in writing any powers, duties or functions under this Act to a Department Head or any employee in the public service.

S. 42(2)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 63.

- (2) When the Minister has the functions of a Council, he or she may delegate in writing any of these functions to a Council, Minister or a public authority.

S. 42A  
inserted by  
No. 2/2008  
s. 32.

#### 42A Registrar may approve forms

- (1) Subject to this Act and the regulations, the Registrar may from time to time approve forms for use under this Act.
- (2) The Registrar must publish a copy of each approved form in a manner that the Registrar thinks fit.

S. 42A(2)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 64(1).

S. 42A(3)  
repealed by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 64(2).

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#### 43 Regulations

- (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations—
  - (a) prescribing the manner or form of giving a notice; and



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| (b) prescribing the manner or form of an application; and   |   |
| (ba) regulating the making of applications; and   | S. 43(1)(ba) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 17(1)(a).   |
| (bb) prescribing the form and content of plans; and   | S. 43(1)(bb) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 17(1)(a).   |
| (bc) prescribing matters in relation to the interpretation of plans of strata or cluster subdivision or strata or cluster redevelopment; and                | S. 43(1)(bc) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 17(1)(a).   |
| (bd) prescribing classes of plans to be exempted from the referral requirements in section 8; and   | S. 43(1)(bd) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 17(1)(a).   |
| (c) prescribing what constitutes evidence of completion; and  |   |
| (d) prescribing time limits including different time limits for different classes of cases; and   | S. 43(1)(d) amended by No. 47/1989 s. 17(1)(b).     |
| (e) prescribing the time within which any application for review to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal may be made; and                        | S. 43(1)(e) amended by No. 47/2007 s. 22.           |
| (f) prescribing standards for plans, survey marks and the laying out of subdivisions; and   |   |
| (g) requiring records or registers to be kept and prescribing the content and manner of keeping records or registers under this Act or the regulations; and | S. 43(1)(g) substituted by No. 47/1989 s. 17(1)(c). |

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S. 43(1)(h)  
amended by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 17(1)(d),  
92/1989 s. 7(f),  
28/2000  
s. 23(a),  
repealed by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 215(a).

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S. 43(1)(i)  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 17(1)(e),  
repealed by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 215(b).

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S. 43(1)(ia)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 17(1)(f),  
amended by  
No. 28/2000  
s. 23(b),  
repealed by  
No. 69/2006  
s. 215(c).

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S. 43(1)(ib)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 17(1)(f).

- (ib) prescribing the powers and duties of the Registrar in connection with plans and other matters arising under this Act or the regulations including authorising the Registrar—
- (i) to allocate plan numbers; and
  - (ii) to publish acceptable abbreviations to be used on plans; and
  - (iii) to charge fees for supplying a copy of any document; and
  - (iv) to charge fees for lodging or sending any document by post; and

- (v) to supply information concerning existing registered easements for the purposes of section 12 and to charge fees for doing so; and **S. 43(1)(ib)(v) inserted by No. 48/1991 s. 37(a).**
- (j) prescribing fees for any thing done under this Act; and
- (ja) prescribing forms for the purposes of this Act; and **S. 43(1)(ja) inserted by No. 2/2008 s. 33.**
- (k) prescribing penalties not exceeding 20 penalty units or 6 months imprisonment for a contravention of the regulations; and
- (l) providing for any other matter which is authorised or required to be prescribed or necessary to be prescribed to carry out this Act. **S. 43(1)(l) amended by No. 48/1991 s. 37(b).**
- (2) The regulations may—
- (a) prescribe fees including—
- (i) different fees for different classes of applications, determinations, documents or things done under this Act; and
- (ii) composite fees payable to the responsible authority for consideration of an application by the responsible authority and any referral authority or the Council; and
- (iii) maximum and minimum fees related to the costs and value of services or works; and **S. 43(2)(a)(iii) substituted by No. 47/1989 s. 17(2)(a).**
- (iv) the fixing by Councils of fees to be charged for checking engineering plans; and **S. 43(2)(a)(iv) inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 17(2)(a).**

S. 43(2)(a)(v)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 17(2)(a).

(v) fees to be substituted for the fees fixed by a provision applied by section 44(3B); and

(b) require a responsible authority to give a referral authority or Council the fees collected on its behalf; and

(c) empower a responsible authority, referral authority or Council to waive or rebate the payment of a fee in specified circumstances; and

(d) require the making of a statutory declaration; and

(e) empower a responsible authority to make an administration charge not exceeding the prescribed amount for collecting fees referred to in paragraph (b); and

S. 43(2)(f)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 17(2)(b).

(f) require a Council to give information about a plan in specified circumstances; and

S. 43(2)(g)  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 17(2)(b).

(g) be of general or limited application and may differ according to differences in time, place or circumstance.

(3) The regulations may apply, adopt or incorporate any document, code, standard, rule, specification or method formulated, issued, prescribed or published by any authority or body whether—

(a) wholly or partially or as amended by the regulations; or

(b) as formulated, issued, prescribed or published at the time the regulations are made or at any time before then; or

(c) as formulated, issued, prescribed or published from time to time.

(4) Regulations made under this Act may be disallowed in whole or in part by resolution of either House of the Parliament.

S. 43(4) amended by No. 78/2010 s. 24(Sch. 1 item 32.1).

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S. 43(5) repealed by No. 78/2010 s. 24(Sch. 1 item 32.2).

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S. 44 amended by Nos 47/1989 ss 18(1)(e)-(l), 20, 92/1989 s. 6, 48/1991 s. 38(1)-(4), 57/1993 s. 17(4), 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 86.7), 69/2006 s. 212(h), repealed by No. 42/2017 s. 65.

#### 44A References

In—

- (a) an Act other than this Act; or
- (b) a subordinate instrument within the meaning of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984** made under an Act other than this Act; or

(c) a document—

unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter, a reference—

- (d) to a plan of subdivision must be taken to include a reference to a plan of strata subdivision, a plan of strata redevelopment,

S. 44A inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 18(2).

a plan of cluster subdivision and a plan of cluster redevelopment; and

- (e) to a lot on a plan of subdivision must be taken to include a reference to a unit on a plan of strata subdivision, a plan of strata redevelopment and a lot on a plan of cluster subdivision or cluster redevelopment and an allotment on a plan of subdivision; and
- (f) to the registration of a plan of subdivision must be taken to include a reference to the registration of a plan of strata subdivision, the approval of a plan of strata redevelopment, the registration of a plan of cluster subdivision, the approval of a plan of cluster redevelopment and the approval of a plan of subdivision; and

S. 44A(g)  
repealed by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 38(5).

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(h) to—

- (i) a plan of consolidation; or
- (ii) a registered plan (if the reference relates to a registered plan of consolidation under the **Subdivision Act 1988**)—

must be taken to include a reference to a plan of consolidation or an approved plan of consolidation, as the case requires; and

- (i) to the certification of a plan of subdivision or consolidation or to a certified plan must be taken to include a reference to the sealing of a plan of strata subdivision, plan of strata redevelopment, plan of cluster subdivision, plan of cluster redevelopment or plan of consolidation; and

- (j) to the **Strata Titles Act 1967** or the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** must be taken to be a reference to the **Subdivision Act 1988**; and
- (k) to—
  - (i) an approved plan of subdivision; or
  - (ii) a registered plan of strata subdivision; or
  - (iii) a registered cluster plan; or
  - (iv) an approved plan of consolidation—  
must be taken to include a reference to a registered plan under the **Subdivision Act 1988**; and
- (l) to the sealing of a plan of subdivision or consolidation must be taken to include a reference to the certification of a plan under the **Subdivision Act 1988**; and
- (m) to—
  - (i) a plan of redevelopment under the **Strata Titles Act 1967**; or
  - (ii) a plan of cluster redevelopment—  
must be taken to include a reference to a plan of subdivision under the **Subdivision Act 1988**; and
- (n) to a clearing statement in relation to a plan of cluster subdivision must be taken to include a reference to a statement of compliance under section 21(2) of the **Subdivision Act 1988**; and

S. 44A(o)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 66.

(o) to—

(i) a plan of strata subdivision; or

(ii) a plan of cluster subdivision—

must be taken to include a reference to a plan of subdivision under the **Subdivision Act 1988** having one or more owners corporations; and

S. 44A(p)  
amended by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 66.

(p) to a lot or unit on a cluster or strata subdivision must be taken to include a reference to a lot on a plan of subdivision under the **Subdivision Act 1988** having one or more owners corporations.

S. 45  
substituted by  
Nos 47/1989  
s. 23(1),  
48/1991 s. 39,  
repealed by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 67.

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S. 46  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 19(s)–(v),  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 40.

## 46 Strata and cluster plans

Schedule 2 has effect with respect to registered plans of strata subdivision, registered cluster plans, plans of redevelopment within the meaning of the **Strata Titles Act 1967** and plans of cluster redevelopment within the meaning of the **Cluster Titles Act 1974**.

S. 46A  
inserted by  
No. 80/2009  
s. 104.

### 46A Expiry of registered plan

- (1) The Registrar may determine that a plan that was registered before the commencement of section 44 has expired if—
  - (a) no folios for roads, lots or reserves have been created in respect of the plan; and
  - (b) the land has been dealt with without reference to the plan.



- (2) If the Registrar determines under subsection (1) that a plan has expired, the plan is taken never to have been registered.

#### 47 Transitional—Owners Corporations Act 2006

- (1) This section does not limit or take away from the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**.
- (2) A provision or provisions of this Act (as in force before the commencement of section 211 of the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**) specified in Column 1 of the Table are deemed to be re-enacted (with modifications) by the provision or provisions of this Act (as amended by the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**) appearing opposite in Column 2 of the Table.

S. 47 amended by No. 47/1989 s. 24(a)(b), repealed by No. 48/1991 s. 42(1), new s. 47 inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 216.

<i>Old Provision</i>	<i>New Provision</i>
Sections 27 to 28A	Divisions 1 and 2 of Part 5
Section 31	Division 6 of Part 5
Section 32	Division 3 of Part 5
Sections 32A to 34	Division 4 of Part 5

#### 48 Continuation of proceedings

Despite the repeal of section 38 by the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**, any proceedings commenced under that section but not finally determined before that repeal may be continued and completed as if that section had not been repealed.

S. 48 repealed by No. 48/1991 s. 42(1), new s. 48 inserted by No. 69/2006 s. 216.

#### 49 Transitional—Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017

An application made by the Growth Areas Authority for the purposes of section 22(1)(g)(ii) before the commencement of section 99 of the **Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017** in respect of which the Registrar has not registered a

S. 49 inserted by No. 47/1989 s. 21, repealed by No. 48/1991 s. 42(1), new s. 49 inserted by No. 11/2017 s. 100.

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plan before that commencement, is, on and after  
that day, taken to be an application made by the  
Victorian Planning Authority.

**S. 50**  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 21,  
repealed by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 42(1).

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**Sch. 1**  
repealed by  
**No. 47/1989**  
s. 14(2).

Sch. 2  
amended by  
No. 47/1989  
ss 4(5),  
6(3)(f)(4),  
8(1)(e), 11,  
12(4), 13(2),  
18(1)(m)(i)–(vii)  
(n), 19(w)(i)(ii)  
(x)–(z),  
(za)–(zj),  
22(a)–(h)(i)–(iii),  
substituted by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 41.

## Schedule 2—Strata and cluster subdivisions

### 1 Definitions

In this Schedule—

*accessory lot* means a unit (which, by force of this Schedule, becomes a lot) on a registered plan of strata subdivision or a lot on a registered cluster plan—

- (a) intended for separate ownership and use with any other lot as—
  - (i) a stairway, passage or utility space or for a like purpose, in the case of a registered plan of strata subdivision; or
  - (ii) a garden, garage, car parking space, storage space, swimming pool or laundry, or for a like purpose, in the case of a strata or cluster plan—

or partly for one and partly for any other of those purposes; and

- (b) shown as an accessory lot on the plan;

*Act application date* means—

- (a) for strata or cluster plans registered or strata or cluster redevelopment plans approved before the commencement of this Schedule, the date of commencement of this Schedule; or
- (b) for strata or cluster plans registered or strata or cluster redevelopment plans approved on or after that commencement, the time immediately after the plan is registered or approved;

***car park lot*** means an accessory lot intended to be owned and used for the purposes of parking a motor vehicle or partly for those purposes and partly for some other purpose;

***limited residential lot*** means a unit (which, by force of this Schedule, becomes a lot) on a registered plan of strata subdivision or a lot on a registered cluster plan—

- (a) intended to be owned and used for residential purposes or partly for residential purposes and partly for some other purpose; and
- (b) no part of which is intended to be owned and used for the purposes of parking a motor vehicle; and
- (c) which is not an accessory lot;

***notice of restriction*** means—

- (a) a notice in or to the effect of the form in the Fourth Schedule to the **Strata Titles Act 1967** and contained in a registered plan of strata subdivision or a plan of redevelopment within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) a notice in or to the effect of the form in the Second Schedule to the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** and contained in a registered cluster plan or in a plan of cluster redevelopment;

***restricted lot*** means a limited residential lot specified as a restricted lot in a notice of restriction;

***scheme of development*** means a scheme of development accompanying a registered cluster plan under section 21 of the **Cluster Titles Act 1974**;

*strata or cluster body corporate* means—

- (a) a body corporate created under the **Strata Titles Act 1967** on a registered plan of strata subdivision; or
- (b) a body corporate created under the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** on a registered cluster plan;

*strata or cluster plan* means—

- (a) a registered plan of strata subdivision;  
or
- (b) a registered cluster plan;

*strata or cluster redevelopment plan* means—

- (a) a plan of redevelopment approved under the **Strata Titles Act 1967**; or
- (b) a plan of cluster redevelopment approved under the **Cluster Titles Act 1974**.

## **2 Act to apply to strata or cluster plans and redevelopment**

- (1) On and from the Act application date—
  - (a) this Act applies to a strata or cluster plan or a strata or cluster redevelopment plan and the **Strata Titles Act 1967** and **Cluster Titles Act 1974** cease to apply to that plan;
  - (b) each registered plan of strata subdivision or approved plan of redevelopment within the meaning of the **Strata Titles Act 1967** and each notice of restriction contained in it or scheme of development accompanying it has effect as if a reference to a unit (whether accessory, car park, limited residential, restricted or otherwise) were a reference to a lot;

- (c) the status of land as an accessory lot, car park lot, limited residential lot or restricted lot or common property is not affected;
- (d) each strata or cluster body corporate becomes a body corporate under this Act;

**Note**

A body corporate under this Act has the same meaning as an *owners corporation* as defined in section 3 of the **Owners Corporations Act 2006**, in accordance with clause 4 of Schedule 2 to that Act.

Note to Sch. 2  
cl. 2(1)(d)  
inserted by  
No. 42/2017  
s. 68.

- (e) the easements or rights implied over a strata or cluster plan under section 12 of the **Strata Titles Act 1967** or section 20 of the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** are extinguished;
  - (f) there are implied over the land in a strata or cluster plan the easements referred to in section 12(2) of this Act;
  - (g) a certificate of title to a lot on a strata or cluster plan has effect as if any reference to section 12 of the **Strata Titles Act 1967** or section 20 of the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** were a reference to section 12 of this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect the status or operation of—
- (a) a strata or cluster body corporate; or
  - (b) a notice of restriction on a strata or cluster plan or a strata or cluster redevelopment plan; or
  - (c) lot entitlement or liability on a strata or cluster plan or a strata or cluster redevelopment plan; or
  - (d) a lot, accessory lot, car park lot, limited residential lot, restricted lot or common property on a strata or cluster plan or a strata or cluster redevelopment plan.

- (3) In relation to a strata or cluster plan, section 28 has effect as if all the lots on the plan were specified lots.

### **3 Folios of the Register and certificates of title**

- (1) Unless the Registrar is requested to do so under section 31 or 32 of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958** or the plan is next amended or, in the case of common property, section 28(e) otherwise requires, the Registrar need not—
- (a) amend recordings in the Register concerning, or produce a new certificate of title for, a lot affected by the operation of clause 2(1); or
  - (b) create a folio of the Register or produce a certificate of title for common property on a strata or cluster plan.
- (2) On the creation of a folio of the Register for common property on a strata or cluster plan, any folio of the Register for a lot on that plan has effect as if any reference to an undivided share in the common property were deleted.
- (3) On a folio of the Register or Certificate of Title for an accessory lot or restricted lot, the Registrar may record the fact that it is a lot of that kind.
- (4) This clause has effect despite anything in section 28(e).

### **4 Administrators**

- (1) On the Act application date a current order made under the **Strata Titles Act 1967** or the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** appointing an administrator has effect as if made under this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect the previous operation of the order.



## **5 Boundaries**

Unless the plan otherwise provides, if the whole or part of a boundary of a lot with another lot or with common property on a strata or cluster plan or a strata or cluster redevelopment plan lies along or within a structure that is a wall, fence, floor or ceiling, the boundary is the median of the structure.

## **6 Effect of notice of restriction**

If a strata or cluster plan or a strata or cluster redevelopment plan contains a notice of restriction, the Registrar must not—

- (a) register a transfer, mortgage, charge, lease or sub-lease of a restricted lot on the same plan unless that dealing includes a car park lot; or
- (b) record in the Register a transmission of, or vesting order or disposition dealing with, a restricted lot on the same plan unless the transmission, order or disposition includes a car park lot; or
- (c) create a folio of the Register for a restricted lot unless the folio states that the registration of dealings with the lot is restricted.

## **7 Updating plans**

- (1) The Registrar may—
  - (a) amend or substitute information in a strata or cluster plan or a strata or cluster redevelopment plan; or
  - (b) require a person who proposes to amend a plan of that kind to amend or substitute information in it—

in any way the Registrar thinks appropriate to make the plan resemble more closely plans prepared under this Act.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not permit a change to the substance of the information in a plan.

### **8 Accessory lots**

A person cannot deal with an interest in an accessory lot by selling, transferring, mortgaging, leasing or sub-leasing it unless—

- (a) the dealing is made or has effect as part of or in connection with a dealing with a corresponding interest in a lot on the same plan that is not an accessory lot; or
- (b) the dealing is made with the Registered proprietor, purchaser, transferee, mortgagee, lessee or sub-lessee of a lot on the same plan that is not an accessory lot.

### **9 Amendment of plans**

- (1) On and from the Act application date, a strata or cluster plan cannot be amended by a later strata or cluster plan or a later strata or cluster redevelopment plan unless—
  - (a) section 44(5E), (5F) or (10A) applies to the later plan; or
  - (b) the later plan was submitted and lodged under section 44(2) or (3).
- (2) If the Council agrees, a cluster plan registered on or after the commencement of this Schedule need not be accompanied by a scheme of development.

### **10 Additional powers of strata or cluster bodies corporate**

- (1) Without limiting its other powers, a strata or cluster body corporate may proceed under section 32(1) to—
  - (a) add to or delete a notice of restriction on the plan; or

- (b) change a lot to an accessory lot or an accessory lot to a lot.
- (2) A strata or cluster body corporate cannot exercise any of the powers referred to in subclause (1) so that land included in the plan after the Act application date becomes or is included in a restricted lot or accessory lot.

### **11 Enforcement of schemes of development**

- (1) A Council or a body corporate created on a cluster plan or a member of that body corporate may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order—
  - (a) compelling performance, or restraining a breach, of a requirement or restriction in a scheme of development; or
  - (b) awarding damages for loss or damage arising out of a breach of a requirement or restriction in a scheme of development—by a body corporate, a member of the body corporate or (to the extent that the requirement or restriction is negative in character) the occupier of a lot affected by the body corporate.
- (2) The court may make the order applied for if it is satisfied it is just and equitable to do so.

Sch. 2 cl. 11(1)  
amended by  
No. 57/1993  
s. 17(5).

### **12 Stage development**

- (1) If—
  - (a) there is a registered cluster plan for the development of land in stages; and

(b) any of the stages is subject to outstanding Council requirements within the meaning of the **Cluster Titles Act 1974**—

the owners of the land subject to the requirements may use a plan under section 37 to take the land out of the stage development, as if the development were a staged subdivision.

- (2) On the registration of a plan referred to in subclause (1), Part IV of the **Cluster Titles Act 1974** and any applicable Council requirements cease to apply to the land in the plan.
- (3) This Schedule does not prevent a person choosing to proceed with the development of land in stages under section 44.

Sch. 3  
inserted by  
No. 47/1989  
s. 23(2),  
repealed by  
No. 48/1991  
s. 42(2).

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## Endnotes

### 1 General information

See [www.legislation.vic.gov.au](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au) for Victorian Bills, Acts and current authorised versions of legislation and up-to-date legislative information.

*Minister's second reading speech—*

*Legislative Assembly: 13 October 1987*

*Legislative Council: 12 April 1988*

The long title for the **Subdivision Act 1988** was "A Bill relating to the subdivision of land and for other purposes."

The **Subdivision Act 1988** was assented to on 31 May 1988 and came into operation on 30 October 1989: Government Gazette 4 October 1989 page 2532.

### INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION ACT 1984 (ILA)

#### Style changes

Section 54A of the ILA authorises the making of the style changes set out in Schedule 1 to that Act.

#### References to ILA s. 39B

Sidenotes which cite ILA s. 39B refer to section 39B of the ILA which provides that where an undivided section or clause of a Schedule is amended by the insertion of one or more subsections or subclauses, the original section or clause becomes subsection or subclause (1) and is amended by the insertion of the expression "(1)" at the beginning of the original section or clause.

#### Interpretation

As from 1 January 2001, amendments to section 36 of the ILA have the following effects:

- **Headings**

All headings included in an Act which is passed on or after 1 January 2001 form part of that Act. Any heading inserted in an Act which was passed before 1 January 2001, by an Act passed on or after 1 January 2001, forms part of that Act. This includes headings to Parts, Divisions or Subdivisions in a Schedule; sections; clauses; items; tables; columns; examples; diagrams; notes or forms. See section 36(1A)(2A).

- **Examples, diagrams or notes**

All examples, diagrams or notes included in an Act which is passed on or after 1 January 2001 form part of that Act. Any examples, diagrams or notes inserted in an Act which was passed before 1 January 2001, by an Act passed on or after 1 January 2001, form part of that Act. See section 36(3A).

- **Punctuation**

All punctuation included in an Act which is passed on or after 1 January 2001 forms part of that Act. Any punctuation inserted in an Act which was passed before 1 January 2001, by an Act passed on or after 1 January 2001, forms part of that Act. See section 36(3B).

- **Provision numbers**

All provision numbers included in an Act form part of that Act, whether inserted in the Act before, on or after 1 January 2001. Provision numbers include section numbers, subsection numbers, paragraphs and subparagraphs. See section 36(3C).

- **Location of "legislative items"**

A "legislative item" is a penalty, an example or a note. As from 13 October 2004, a legislative item relating to a provision of an Act is taken to be at the foot of that provision even if it is preceded or followed by another legislative item that relates to that provision. For example, if a penalty at the foot of a provision is followed by a note, both of these legislative items will be regarded as being at the foot of that provision. See section 36B.

- **Other material**

Any explanatory memorandum, table of provisions, endnotes, index and other material printed after the Endnotes does not form part of an Act. See section 36(3)(3D)(3E).

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## 2 Table of Amendments

This publication incorporates amendments made to the **Subdivision Act 1988** by Acts and subordinate instruments.

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**Local Government (Consequential Provisions) Act 1989, No. 12/1989** (as amended by No. 53/1988 (as amended by No. 47/1989))

*Assent Date:* 9.5.89  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(1)(Sch. 2 item 114.1) on 1.11.89: Government Gazette 1.11.89 p. 2798  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Transfer of Land (Computer Register) Act 1989, No. 18/1989** (as amended by No. 48/1991)

*Assent Date:* 16.5.89  
*Commencement Date:* All of Act on 3.2.92: Government Gazette 18.12.91 p. 3488  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Subdivision (Amendment) Act 1989, No. 47/1989**

*Assent Date:* 6.6.89  
*Commencement Date:* 6.6.89  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Magistrates' Court (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989, No. 57/1989**

*Assent Date:* 14.6.89  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(1)(a)–(e)(2) on 1.9.89: Government Gazette 30.8.89 p. 2210; rest of Act on 1.9.90: Government Gazette 25.7.90 p. 2217  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Water (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989, No. 81/1989**

*Assent Date:* 5.12.89  
*Commencement Date:* 1.11.90: Government Gazette 15.8.90 p. 2473  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Subdivision (Further Amendment) Act 1989, No. 92/1989**

*Assent Date:* 5.12.89  
*Commencement Date:* 12.12.89: Government Gazette 6.12.89 p. 3127  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Subdivision (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1991, No. 48/1991**

*Assent Date:* 25.6.91  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 38(2)(f)(3), 56(2)(3), 65 on 30.10.89: s. 2(2); rest of Act (*except* ss 50, 53(5), 57) on 25.6.91: s. 2(4); s. 53(5) on 1.10.92: s. 2(1); ss 50, 57 on 3.2.92: i.e. same day as s. 7 of Act No. 18/1989  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

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**Subdivision (Amendment) Act 1993, No. 57/1993**

*Assent Date:* 8.6.93  
*Commencement Date:* All of Act (except s. 17 (4)) on 8.6.93: s. 2 (2); s. 17(4)  
on 30.10.89: s. 2 (1)  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Land (Further Amendment) Act 1993, No. 79/1993**

*Assent Date:* 3.11.93  
*Commencement Date:* 3.11.93  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Building Act 1993, No. 126/1993**

*Assent Date:* 14.12.93  
*Commencement Date:* S. 264(Sch. 5 item 20) on 1.7.94: Special Gazette  
(No. 42) 1.7.94 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Subdivision (Further Amendment) Act 1994, No. 34/1994**

*Assent Date:* 31.5.94  
*Commencement Date:* 31.5.94  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 91/1994**

*Assent Date:* 6.12.94  
*Commencement Date:* S. 36(9) on 1.1.95: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Public Sector Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 46/1998**

*Assent Date:* 26.5.98  
*Commencement Date:* S. 7(Sch. 1) on 1.7.98: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Tribunals and Licensing Authorities (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998,  
No. 52/1998**

*Assent Date:* 2.6.98  
*Commencement Date:* S. 311(Sch. 1 item 86) on 1.7.98: Government Gazette  
18.6.98 p. 1512  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Transfer of Land (Single Register) Act 1998, No. 85/1998**

*Assent Date:* 17.11.98  
*Commencement Date:* S. 24(Sch. item 57) on 1.1.99: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Planning and Environment (Amendment) Act 2000, No. 28/2000**

*Assent Date:* 30.5.00  
*Commencement Date:* S. 23 on 31.5.00: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**



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**Statute Law Revision Act 2000, No. 74/2000**

*Assent Date:* 21.11.00  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. 1 item 119) on 22.11.00: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Corporations (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001, No. 44/2001**

*Assent Date:* 27.6.01  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. item 106) on 15.7.01: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Surveying Act 2004, No. 47/2004**

*Assent Date:* 16.6.04  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 71(Sch. item 4), 72 on 1.1.05: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Planning and Environment (General Amendment) Act 2004, No. 81/2004**

*Assent Date:* 16.11.04  
*Commencement Date:* S. 51 on 23.5.05: Government Gazette 19.5.05 p. 930  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Victorian Urban Development Authority (Amendment) Act 2006, No. 35/2006**

*Assent Date:* 13.6.06  
*Commencement Date:* S. 8 on 1.9.06: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Owners Corporations Act 2006, No. 69/2006**

*Assent Date:* 19.9.06  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 206–216 on 31.12.07: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Planning and Environment Amendment Act 2007, No. 47/2007**

*Assent Date:* 25.9.07  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 20–22 on 26.9.07: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Fair Trading and Consumer Acts Further Amendment Act 2008, No. 2/2008**

*Assent Date:* 11.2.08  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 32, 33 on 12.2.08: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Consumer Credit (Victoria) and Other Acts Amendment Act 2008, No. 6/2008**

*Assent Date:* 18.3.08  
*Commencement Date:* S. 37 on 19.3.08: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

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**Land Legislation Amendment Act 2009, No. 80/2009**

*Assent Date:* 8.12.09  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 95–104 on 1.5.10: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Valuation of Land Amendment Act 2009, No. 94/2009**

*Assent Date:* 15.12.09  
*Commencement Date:* S. 34 on 1.5.10: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Planning and Environment Amendment (Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution) Act 2010, No. 23/2010**

*Assent Date:* 1.6.10  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 19, 20 on 1.7.10: Special Gazette (No. 242) 25.6.10 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Subordinate Legislation Amendment Act 2010, No. 78/2010**

*Assent Date:* 19.10.10  
*Commencement Date:* S. 24(Sch. 1 item 32) on 1.1.11: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Planning and Environment Amendment (General) Act 2013, No. 3/2013**

*Assent Date:* 19.2.13  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 86–91 on 28.10.13: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Planning and Environment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Act 2015, No. 35/2015**

*Assent Date:* 1.9.15  
*Commencement Date:* S. 16 on 1.6.16: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Rural Assistance Schemes Act 2016, No. 39/2016**

*Assent Date:* 28.6.16  
*Commencement Date:* S. 33 on 30.6.16: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

**Urban Renewal Authority Victoria Amendment (Development Victoria) Act 2017, No. 10/2017**

*Assent Date:* 27.3.17  
*Commencement Date:* S. 37 on 1.4.17: Special Gazette (No. 94) 27.3.17 p. 1  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Subdivision Act 1988**

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**Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017, No. 11/2017**

*Assent Date:* 27.3.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 99, 100 on 1.7.17: Special Gazette (No. 150)  
16.5.17 p. 1  
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**Land Legislation Amendment Act 2017, No. 42/2017**

*Assent Date:* 19.9.17  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 47–68 on 20.9.17: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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**Planning and Environment Amendment (Public Land Contributions) Act 2018,  
No. 7/2018**

*Assent Date:* 27.2.18  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 16–20 on 2.7.18: Special Gazette (No. 305)  
26.6.18 p. 1  
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### **3 Amendments Not in Operation**

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#### **4 Explanatory details**

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