

## Response to Submissions Relating to the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan, Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C234

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### Introduction

Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd was commissioned by the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) to provide a response to submissions relating to the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C234.

A rapid assessment of 15 Mt Ararat North Road, Nar Nar Goon, and 45, 55, 95 and 155 Dore Road, Pakenham, was undertaken by a qualified ecologist on 24 May 2018. The inspections sought to review the amendments to the Pakenham East Native Vegetation Precinct Plan (NVPP) requested by the landowners, which primarily focused on the removal of scattered trees from the Pakenham East NVPP.

An update of the NVPP will be completed following the Panel to ensure it complies with the current NVPP template and any changes in policy since the NVPP was completed (in addition to any changes as a result of this review).

### Assessment of Submissions

#### 15 Mt Ararat North Road, Nar Nar Goon

This submission primarily seeks to ensure a row of planted Sugar Gums *Eucalyptus cladocalyx* are recognised as significant trees for retention. The historical value of these trees (as detailed in the submission) should be considered by the responsible authority. However, as these trees are non-indigenous to the area, they cannot be considered within the NVPP.

#### 45, 55 and 95 Dore Road, Pakenham

The landowner has requested several scattered trees be removed from the NVPP as they are no longer standing, are in poor condition or are in an inappropriately zoned section of the PSP. A submission from *Treed Environs* (2018) identified trees 158, 185, 197, 235 and 237 are no longer standing, with trees 684 and 685 unable to be located. Except for tree 185, these trees were confirmed to have failed and are no longer present. Tree 160 was identified as planted by the landholder. While potentially planted, as the tree species is indigenous to the area, the origin of the tree could not be conclusively determined.

Identified as no longer standing within the *Treed Environs* (2018) report, tree 185 was found to be present on site.

Trees 162, 163, 169, 171, 193-196, 201, 211, 226 and 228 were also requested to be removed from the NVPP due to tree condition and/or are located within areas deemed unsuitable by the landholder. These trees were confirmed to be present.

### 155 Dore Road, Pakenham

The assessment by Biosis on behalf of the landowner identified trees 141, 142 and 145 (identified as to be retained) as no longer present on the site. Four remaining trees (143, 144, 146 and 147) have also been identified as to be retained. The submission identifies the retention of these trees as unsuitable due to current tree health (low-moderate condition) and ongoing pruning/maintenance due to the adjacent high-voltage powerline easement. Field observations confirmed that trees 141, 142 and 145 are no longer present.

## Summary

Trees nominated as no longer present within the submissions were largely accurate, with trees found to have failed or no longer present (Table 1). Decisions related to the retention/removal status of the nominated native vegetation should be made by the Responsible Authority when considering the design of the PSP / NVPP.

**Table 1.** Scattered trees identified as fallen/absent.

Property submission	Tree ID	Submission status	Field confirmation
45, 55 and 95 Dore Road, Pakenham	158	Fallen	Confirmed
	185	Fallen (Treed Environs)	Still standing
	197	Fallen	Confirmed
	235	Fallen	Confirmed
	236	Fallen	Confirmed
	684	Not present (Treed Environs)	Confirmed
	685	Not present (Treed Environs)	Confirmed
155 Dore Road, Pakenham	141	No longer present	Confirmed
	142	No longer present	Confirmed
	145	No longer present	Confirmed

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