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How would you classify your feedback? Please select from the below topics.	Soil type and implications for a range of aspects of the PSP
Formal Submission - text box, please keep one issue per box to ensure we capture your feedback	<p>Preliminary Submission to Amendment C160m with Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) strongly advises against the Amendment proceeding in its current form.</p> <p>Critical aspects of Amendment C160m with and the Beveridge North West PSP rely on background technical studies that have failed to identify the problematic soils in the PSP area. This has grave implications for the management of erosion and the control of sediment pollution from the urban development areas of the PSP. It also has serious implications for the viability of the waterways of the PSP area, the successful implementation of the Developer Services Scheme, and the successful implementation of Integrated Water Management requirements.</p> <p>The types of problems that can arise from a failure to understand soils can be seen in the Mickleham area, north and south of Donnybrook Rd, in the City of Hume. The exposure of sodic, highly dispersible subsoils has resulted in high levels of sediment runoff, and the structural failure of a constructed waterway. The presence of these soils was not factored into the planning for, and management of, urban development, nor was it adequately considered in the design for drainage, waterways and stormwater treatment.</p> <p>There is clear evidence that the soils in the western part of the Beveridge North West PSP are also sodic and highly dispersive. The soils in the more eastern part of the PSP may also present challenges, though there is less known about their characteristics.</p> <p>Kalkallo Creek and its minor tributaries in the western part of the PSP suffer from active and extreme erosion, with gullies that are metres deep and which are continuing to widen and extend headward. Past works undertaken by the Victorian Soil Conservation Authority along Kalkallo Creek were instigated to try and arrest headward and lateral erosion for rural land use and are an indication of the severity of the problem.</p> <p>The Kalkallo Developer Services Scheme needs to be reviewed in the light of detailed soils information. MCMC's concern is that the proposed works may not be sustainable, that the cost of remediation could be significantly higher than currently estimated, that the proposed corridor widths will not be sufficiently wide for high functioning remediated natural waterway corridors and the constructed waterway corridors, and that the amenity, recreation and biodiversity values that the waterway corridors of the PSP are expected to provide will be compromised by under-performing, sediment polluted waterways.</p> <p>MCMC recommends that the VPA commission a soils study for the PSP area, undertaken by consultants with the appropriate expertise to assess the suitability of the soils for urban development, and particular approaches that may need to be used to manage the development impacts, and who also understand the implications of soil type for waterways and drainage and the achievement of stormwater treatment.</p>

We would like provide further detail and comment on the amendment, in the next few days, if a late submission is acceptable.

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