

Agency: DEECA Conservation Planning (Melbourne Strategic Assessment Program)

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Page	Reference/ section	Agency comment	Change requested	VPA response
12	Schedule 7 to Cl. 37.07 UGZ	<i>Condition – Environmental Management Plans</i> incorrectly titled	The title should read <i>Condition – Construction environmental management plan</i>	
12	Schedule 7 to Cl. 37.07 UGZ	<i>Condition – Land Management Co-operative Agreement</i> incorrectly titled	The title should read <i>Condition – Land management plan for conservation area</i>	
1	Schedule 3 to Cl. 43.03 IPO	Condition – Environmental Management Plans incorrectly titled	The title should read <i>Condition – Construction environmental management plan</i> Change ' <i>DEECA requirements for Construction Environmental Management Plans under the Melbourne Strategic Assessment</i> ' to ' <i>DELWP requirements for Construction Environmental Management Plans under the Melbourne Strategic Assessment</i> '	
1	Schedule 3 to Cl. 43.03 IPO	Condition – Land Management Co-operative Agreement incorrectly titled	The title should read <i>Condition – Land management plan for conservation area</i>	
1	Schedule 3 to Cl. 35.06 RCZ	The preamble makes no reference to the values of the Growling Grass Frog Conservation Area	The preamble must include the following statement: Land classified as Growling Grass Frog Conservation, Floodplain and Open Space within the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Strategy</i> (Department of	

			Environment and Primary Industries, 2013) are areas which will be protected and managed primarily for the Growling Grass Frog in accordance with the requirements of the Sub-regional Species Strategy for the Growling Grass Frog, but will also include areas managed for floodplain and stormwater infrastructure as well as areas of open space for passive recreation. This land is to be managed as outlined within the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Strategy</i> .	
	Officer South PSP (OSPSP) Section 1 Context	The introduction does not note that the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy informs the PSP	<p>In accordance with the <i>'Implementing the BCS for Melbourne's Growth Corridors: A guide for precinct structure plan preparation in Melbourne's growth area'</i> (DELWP & VPA, 2018), the following reference should be inserted in the introduction to the PSP:</p> <p>Preparation of the PSP has been informed by the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Sub Regional Species Strategies for Melbourne's Growth Areas</i> (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, June 2013).</p>	
31	OSPSP R36	Requirement 36 is missing the word 'and'	<p>The requirement should read:</p> <p>Any proposed development or works within a BCS conservation area must obtain the approval of</p>	

			DEECA, and must be generally in accordance with the corresponding conservation area concept plans (Appendix 2) and cross sections (Appendix 7). No planting of tall shading trees is permitted where Growling Grass Frog wetland Areas of Strategic Importance is adjacent to the conservation area boundary	
15	OSPSP Plan 3 Place Based Plan	<p>Ambiguous conservation area boundary. To ensure effective and orderly implementation of the MSA conditions in the UGZ and IPO schedules it is critical that the current conservation area boundary is clearly shown.</p> <p>Where the 'waterway & drainage within conservation' layer matches the 'BCS conservation area' layer the outer line of the 'BCS Conservation area' layer is not visible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Place Based Plan must symbolise the current approved conservation area boundary and not reference any proposed boundary change <p>Omit the following words from the map legend: '...subject to landowner proposed boundary change and DEECA position'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change layer properties so that 'BCS conservation area' layer extent is clear. 	
32	OSPSP, R43	R43 places ongoing restrictions on the type of revegetation that can be undertaken within large sections of Conservation Area 36. While large sections are currently open grassy vegetation, the pre 1750 Ecological Vegetation Communities in these areas are	R43 should be removed to reflect future revegetation initiatives within Conservation Area 36.	

		<p>Swamp Scrub and Swampy Woodland. It is likely that future management actions through the conservation area will involve revegetation to re-instate these vegetation communities.</p> <p>It is noted that a recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Awareness Assessment was to enhance the cultural landscape in the conservation zone through revegetation of the area with Indigenous species.</p>		
32	OSPSP, R44	<p>R44 should include reference to the Jacobs assessments that identified flow requirements to ensure protection of habit for Australian Grayling and Dwarf Galaxias.</p>	<p>Add text in blue to R44 and make the two Jacobs reports referenced publicly available.</p> <p><i>R44</i> <i>The final layout and design of constructed wetlands, retarding basins, and stormwater quality treatment infrastructure adjacent to BCS conservation areas must consider:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• the potential to supply treated stormwater for Growling Grass Frog wetlands</i> <i>• hydraulic and hydrological requirements to ensure habitat protection and ecological requirements of Dwarf Galaxias and Australian Grayling within Cardinia Creek as identified in</i> 	

			<p>- <i>Jacobs (2021) Cardinia Creek hydrological and fish risk assessment. Report by Jacobs for Melbourne Water</i></p> <p>- <i>Jacobs (2023) Cardinia Creek Fish Assessment Amendment. Report by Jacobs for Melbourne Water to the satisfaction of Melbourne Water and the Secretary DEECA.</i></p>	
	OSPSP Figures 1-7	Ambiguous conservation area extent & new GGF wetland locations	<p>Figures 1-7 should be updated to more clearly show the extent of the conservation area. Consider symbolising the whole conservation area with the same green BCS conservation area hatching. Note that the waterway & drainage area, constructed waterway/drainage asset areas, native vegetation etc. are all part of the BCS conservation area and need to be shown as such.</p> <p>For increased clarity, consistently refer to the conservation area in the map legends in the same way i.e. BCS conservation area (Fig. 2-6) rather than GGF or MSA conservation.</p> <p>Similarly, Growling Grass Frog wetland Areas of Strategic Importance (R36 & R39) should be consistently labelled as such in all Conservation Concept plan figures, as opposed to 'new wetland with buffer' etc (buffer is provided by area of strategic importance).</p>	

	OSPSP, Figure 5	It is unclear what the 'area of consequence & notification' layer is representing.	DEECA requests clarification on 'area of consequence & notification' layer and where it has any implications for conservation management.	
	OSPSP Local Access Street industrial – conservation interface	<p>The cross section erroneously refers to the MSA Conservation Areas Declaration</p> <hr/> <p>CONSERVATION AREA in accordance with MSA Conservation Areas Declaration and must meet appropriate setbacks from growing grass frog ponds as demonstrated in MSA maps</p>	Specify 'in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors' instead of Conservation Areas Declaration.	
	OSPSP Local Access Street residential – conservation interface	<p>The conservation interface cross section does not include the CVIA.</p> <p>The CVIA extends beyond the BCS conservation area boundary in several locations however, there is no interface guidance in the PSP</p>	<p>Guidance on the conservation area / CVIA boundary must be provided in the form of an interface plan and cross section</p> <p>DEECA requests a meeting with the VPA to discuss further including, the intended land manager for the CVIA</p>	
	OSPSP – conservation interface: Local Access Street residential & Local Access Street industrial		Specify that lighting to be baffled to avoid light spill into the conservation area (in addition to being wildlife sensitive lighting).	