

Erosion Management Overlay Review

Planning Scheme Amendment C217

**The Erosion Management Overlay is being reviewed.
Find out more, make a submission or attend a webinar.**

What is an Erosion Management Overlay?

An Erosion Management Overlay (EMO) is a planning control that applies to land identified as having landslip risk. This control includes provisions that relate to protecting areas subject to erosion and landslip and guides how land may be developed. Erosion, landslip and debris flow is found in some areas of Yarra Ranges – like many other areas in Victoria. Overlays are part of the Victoria Planning Provisions and contain provisions that control land use and development. The EMO is one of the provisions and Yarra Ranges Council is responsible for applying it to some properties within the municipality. Currently properties with an EMO need to have a Geotechnical Assessment undertaken if development or earthworks are proposed.

What is a Planning Scheme Amendment?

A Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) is when changes are proposed to the policies or provisions in a Planning Scheme. This is a formal process and Council must seek permission from the State Government at various stages to make those changes and to seek final approval. The community will be informed about the amendment and given the opportunity to make a submission. The Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme will be amended when the process has been completed.

What is Amendment C217 to the Planning Scheme?

Yarra Ranges Council will seek the State Government's approval to amend the EMO. It is proposed to update the existing schedule to the EMO to simplify its structure, include new exemptions from the need for a planning permit for minor buildings and works and vegetation removal, include separate requirements for subdivision applications and amend the tolerable risk criteria from Low to Medium in particular circumstances.

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Want to find out more?

For further information or to attend an online webinar refer to www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/C217.

How to Participate - make a submission

We would like to hear from our community about the changes Council proposes to help us make better decisions. Submissions to the proposed PSA for the EMO, must be in writing. You can make your submission through the submission portal on Council's website, or by post. Submissions can support or seek changes to proposed planning scheme changes. Submissions are most effective when they demonstrate how a proposal may impact the individual making the submission. You will be able to make a submission from 22 June 2023 to 27 July 2023. Unfortunately, submissions received outside of this time cannot be accepted.

PSA Submissions and the law

Making submissions to a Planning Scheme Amendment is a legal process and there are some requirements for your submission to be accepted:

- Be received during the consultation period
- Include the name and address of the submitter
- Demonstrate how the proposal impacts you
- Be made to Council via the website or in writing

What happens to my submission?

A summary of the submissions will be included in a report to a Council meeting and provided to the Minister for Planning during the amendment process. Submissions will be considered along with other information (like technical studies and State Government requirements) to inform the amendment.

Key dates

- 22 June 2023 - Submissions open
- 28 June 2023 - Webinar
- 27 July 2023 - Submissions close

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Your submission will be acknowledged.

