

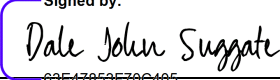
Vendor Statement

The vendor makes this statement in respect of the land in accordance with section 32 of the *Sale of Land Act* 1962.

This statement must be signed by the vendor and given to the purchaser before the purchaser signs the contract.

The vendor may sign by electronic signature.

The purchaser acknowledges being given this statement signed by the vendor with the attached documents before the purchaser signed any contract.

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| Land | "Quongs" Cnr Holloways Lane & Sandy Creek Road, Sandy Creek 3695 | |
| Vendor's name | DALE JOHN SUGGATE as trustee for DALE SUGGATE FAMILY TRUST ABN: 69741204745 | Date / / |
| Vendor's signature | Signed by:  69E47853F70C405...10/12/2025 | |
| Purchaser's name | | Date / / |
| Purchaser's signature | | |
| Purchaser's name | | Date / / |
| Purchaser's signature | | |

1 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.1 Particulars of any Rates, Taxes, Charges or Other Similar Outgoings (and any interest on them)

(a) Their total does not exceed:

\$5,000.00

1.2 Particulars of any Charge (whether registered or not) imposed by or under any Act to secure an amount due under that Act, including the amount owing under the charge

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Other particulars (including dates and times of payments):

1.3 Terms Contract

This section 1.3 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a terms contract where the purchaser is obliged to make 2 or more payments (other than a deposit or final payment) to the vendor after the execution of the contract and before the purchaser is entitled to a conveyance or transfer of the land.

Not Applicable.

1.4 Sale Subject to Mortgage

This section 1.4 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which provides that any mortgage (whether registered or unregistered), is NOT to be discharged before the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipts of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

1.5 Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Act 2024 (Vic) (CIPT Act)

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| (a) The Australian Valuation Property Classification Code (within the meaning of the CIPT Act) most recently allocated to the land is set out in the attached Municipal rates notice or property clearance certificate or is as follows | AVPCC No. 100 |
| (b) Is the land tax reform scheme land within the meaning of the CIPT Act? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| (c) If the land is tax reform scheme land within the meaning of the CIPT Act, the entry date within the meaning of the CIPT Act is set out in the attached Municipal rates notice of property clearance certificate or is as follows | Date: OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |

2 INSURANCE

2.1 Damage and Destruction

This section 2.1 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which does NOT provide for the land to remain at the risk of the vendor until the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipt of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

2.2 Owner Builder

This section 2.2 only applies where there is a residence on the land that was constructed by an owner-builder within the preceding 6 years and section 137B of the *Building Act* 1993 applies to the residence.

Not Applicable.

3 LAND USE

3.1 Easements, Covenants or Other Similar Restrictions

(a) A description of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction affecting the land (whether registered or unregistered): -

Is in the attached copies of title documents.

(b) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with that easement, covenant or other similar restriction are:

To the best of the vendor's knowledge, there is no existing failure to comply with the terms of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction.

3.2. Road Access

There is NO access to the property by road if the square box is marked with an 'X'



3.3. Designated Bushfire Prone Area

The land is in a designated bushfire prone area under section 192A of the *Building Act* 1993 if the square box is marked with an 'X'



3.4. Planning Scheme

Attached is a certificate with the required specified information.

4 NOTICES

4.1. Notice, Order, Declaration, Report or Recommendation

Particulars of any notice, order, declaration, report or recommendation of a public authority or government department or approved proposal directly and currently affecting the land, being a notice, order, declaration, report, recommendation or approved proposal of which the vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge:

Not Applicable.

4.2. Agricultural Chemicals

There are NO notices, property management plans, reports or orders in respect of the land issued by a government department or public authority in relation to livestock disease or contamination by agricultural chemicals affecting the ongoing use of the land for agricultural purposes. However, if this is not the case, the details of any such notices, property management plans, reports or orders, are as follows:

Not Applicable.

4.3. Compulsory Acquisition

The particulars of any notices of intention to acquire that have been served under section 6 of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act* 1986 are as follows:

Not Applicable.

5 BUILDING PERMITS

Particulars of any building permit issued under the *Building Act* 1993 in the preceding 7 years (required only where there is a residence on the land):

Not Applicable.

6 OWNERS CORPORATION

This section 6 only applies if the land is affected by an owners corporation within the meaning of the *Owners Corporations Act* 2006.

Not Applicable.

7 GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION ("GAIC")

Not Applicable.

8 SERVICES

The services which are marked with an 'X' in the accompanying square box are NOT connected to the land:

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| Electricity supply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Gas supply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Water supply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sewerage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Telephone services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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9 TITLE

Attached are copies of the following documents:

9.1 (a) **Registered Title**

A Register Search Statement and the document, or part of a document, referred to as the 'diagram location' in that statement which identifies the land and its location.

10 SUBDIVISION

10.1. **Unregistered Subdivision**

This section 10.1 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision which is not registered.

Not Applicable.

10.2. **Staged Subdivision**

This section 10.2 only applies if the land is part of a staged subdivision within the meaning of section 37 of the *Subdivision Act 1988*.

Not Applicable.

10.3. **Further Plan of Subdivision**

This section 10.3 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision in respect of which a further plan within the meaning of the *Subdivision Act 1988* is proposed.

Not Applicable.

11 DISCLOSURE OF ENERGY INFORMATION

(Disclosure of this information is not required under section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 but may be included in this vendor statement for convenience.)

Details of any energy efficiency information required to be disclosed regarding a disclosure affected building or disclosure area affected area of a building as defined by the *Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Act 2010* (Cth)

- (a) to be a building or part of a building used or capable of being used as an office for administrative, clerical, professional or similar based activities including any support facilities; and
- (b) which has a net lettable area of at least 1000m²; (but does not include a building under a strata title system or if an occupancy permit was issued less than 2 years before the relevant date):

Not Applicable.

12 DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

(The Sale of Land Act 1962 provides that the vendor or the vendor's licensed estate agent must make a prescribed due diligence checklist available to purchasers before offering land for sale that is vacant residential land or land on which there is a residence. The due diligence checklist is NOT required to be provided with, or attached to, this vendor statement but the checklist may be attached as a matter of convenience.)

- ☐ Vacant Residential Land or Land with a Residence
- ☒ Attach Due Diligence Checklist (this will be attached if ticked)

13 ATTACHMENTS

(Any certificates, documents and other attachments may be annexed to this section 13)

(Additional information may be added to this section 13 where there is insufficient space in any of the earlier sections)

(Attached is an "Additional Vendor Statement" if section 1.3 (Terms Contract) or section 1.4 (Sale Subject to Mortgage) applies)

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| Register search statement Copy of plan Property report Planning report Rates notice Property photos Due diligence checklist |
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REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of Land Act 1958

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CROWN GRANT

LAND DESCRIPTION

Crown Allotment 27 Section 6 Parish of Tangambalanga.

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple

Sole Proprietor

DALE JOHN SUGGATE of 23 SHEPHERD COURT THURGOONA NSW 2640

AV765979W 21/06/2022

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

Any crown grant reservations exceptions conditions limitations and powers noted on the plan or imaged folio set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below. For details of any other encumbrances see the plan or imaged folio set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE TP792221Y FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 125 DAYS

NIL

-----END OF REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT-----

Additional information: (not part of the Register Search Statement)

Street Address: SANDY CREEK ROAD SANDY CREEK VIC 3695

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

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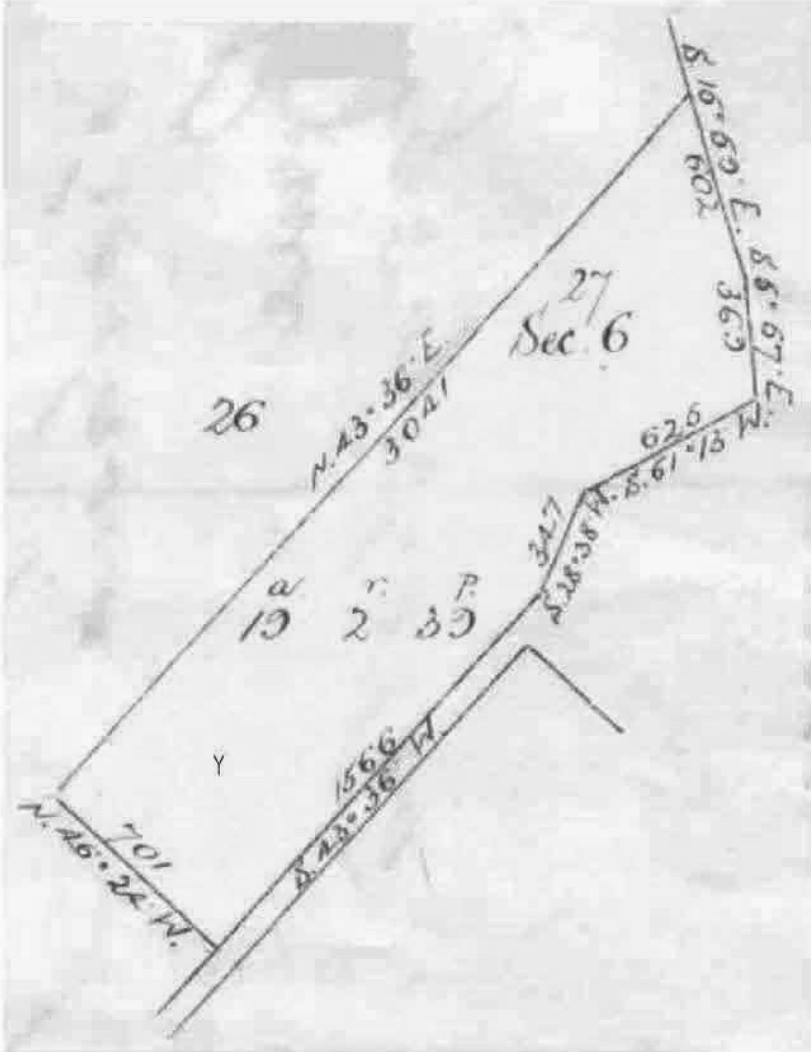
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| Description of Land / Easement Information | | THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE LAND REGISTRY, LAND VICTORIA, FOR TITLE DIAGRAM PURPOSES AS PART OF THE LAND TITLES AUTOMATION PROJECT COMPILED: 29/06/2003 VERIFIED: L.S. | |
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| TITLE PLAN | | TP 792221Y |
| <p align="center">LAND DESCRIPTION INCLUDING RESERVATIONS EXCEPTIONS CONDITIONS AND POWERS SHOWN ON THE CROWN GRANT</p> <p><i>nineteen acres five rods and thirty nine perches more or less being Allotment Twentyseven of Section 26 in the Parish of Tangambalanga County of Belegong</i></p> <p>ALL THAT PORCE OF LAND in the said Colony containing delineated with the measurements and abutments thereof in the map drawn in the margin of these presents and therein coloured yellow PROVIDED HOWEVER that the grantee shall be entitled to sink wells for water and to the use and enjoyment of any spring or springs of water upon or within the boundaries of the said land for any and for all purposes as though he held the land without limitation as to depth EXCEPTED HOWEVER unto us our heirs and successors all gold and silver and auriferous and argentiferous earth or stone and all mines containing gold silver copper tin antimony coal and all other metals and minerals and mineral ores whatsoever and all mines seams lodes and deposits containing gold silver copper tin antimony coal and other metals and minerals and mineral ores in upon and under and within the boundaries of the land hereby granted AND ALSO reserving to us our heirs and successors free liberty and authority for us our heirs and successors and our and their agents and servants at any time or times hereafter to enter upon the said land and to search and mine therein for gold silver copper tin antimony coal and all other metals and minerals and mineral ores and to extract and remove therefrom any gold silver and any auriferous and argentiferous earth or stone copper tin antimony coal and other metals and minerals and mineral ores and to search for and work dispose of and carry away the gold silver copper tin antimony coal metals minerals and their ores and the mines metals and minerals in the land lying in upon and under the land hereby granted and for the purposes aforesaid to sink shafts make drives erect machinery and to carry on any works and do any other things which may be necessary or usual in mining and with all other incidents that are necessary to be used for the getting of the said gold silver copper tin antimony coal and other metals and minerals and mineral ores and the working of all mines seams lodes and deposits containing gold silver copper tin antimony coal and other metals and minerals and mineral ores in upon or under the land hereby granted</p> <p>PROVIDED ALWAYS that the said land is and shall be subject to be resumed for mining purposes under section 68 of the Land Act 1890 AND PROVIDED ALSO that the said land is and shall be subject to the right of any person being the holder of a miner's right or of a licence to search for metals or minerals or of a mining or mineral lease to enter therein and to mine for gold silver copper tin antimony coal and other metals and minerals and mineral ores and to erect and to occupy mining plant or machinery thereon in the same manner and under the same conditions and provisions as those to which the holder of a miner's right or of a mining or mineral lease had at the time of the passing of the Land Act 1890 the right to mine for gold and silver in and upon Crown lands PROVIDED THAT compensation shall be paid to the said GRANTEE</p> <p>his heirs executors administrators assigns and transferees by such person for surface damage to be done to such lands by reason of mining thereon such compensation to be determined as provided by the 121st section of the said Act and the payment thereof to be a condition precedent to such right of entry.</p> | | |
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PROPERTY REPORT

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PROPERTY DETAILS

Crown Description: **Allot. 27 Sec. 6 PARISH OF TANGAMBALANGA**

Address: **SANDY CREEK ROAD SANDY CREEK 3695**

Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): **27~6\PP3541**

Local Government Area (Council): **INDIGO**

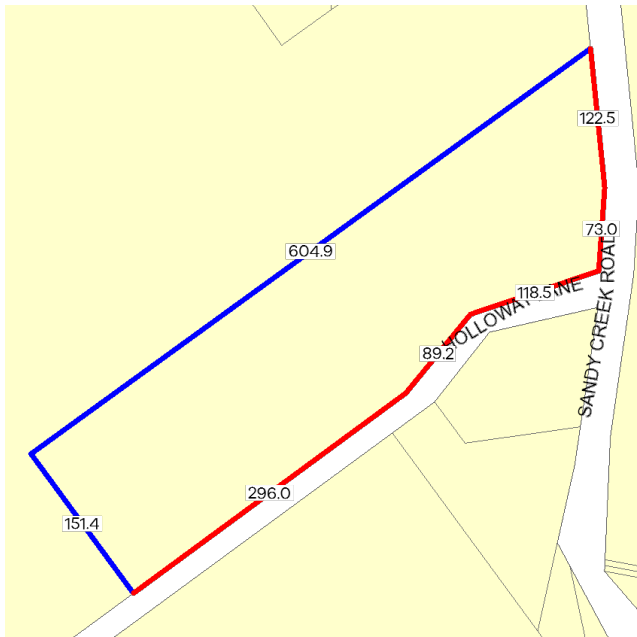
Council Property Number: **7671**

Directory Reference: **Vicroads 36 C7**

www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au

SITE DIMENSIONS

All dimensions and areas are approximate. They may not agree with those shown on a title or plan.



Area: 82408 sq. m (8.24 ha)

Perimeter: 1456 m

For this property:

- Site boundaries
- Road frontages

Dimensions for individual parcels require a separate search, but dimensions for individual units are generally not available.

Calculating the area from the dimensions shown may give a different value to the area shown above

For more accurate dimensions get copy of plan at [Title and Property Certificates](#)

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation: **Goulburn-Murray Water**

Urban Water Corporation: **North East Water**

Melbourne Water: **Outside drainage boundary**

Power Distributor: **AUSNET**

STATE ELECTORATES

Legislative Council: **NORTHERN VICTORIA**

Legislative Assembly: **BENAMBRA**

PLANNING INFORMATION

Property Planning details have been removed from the Property Reports to avoid duplication with the Planning Property Reports from the Department of Transport and Planning which are the authoritative source for all Property Planning information.

The Planning Property Report for this parcel can found here - [Planning Property Report](#)

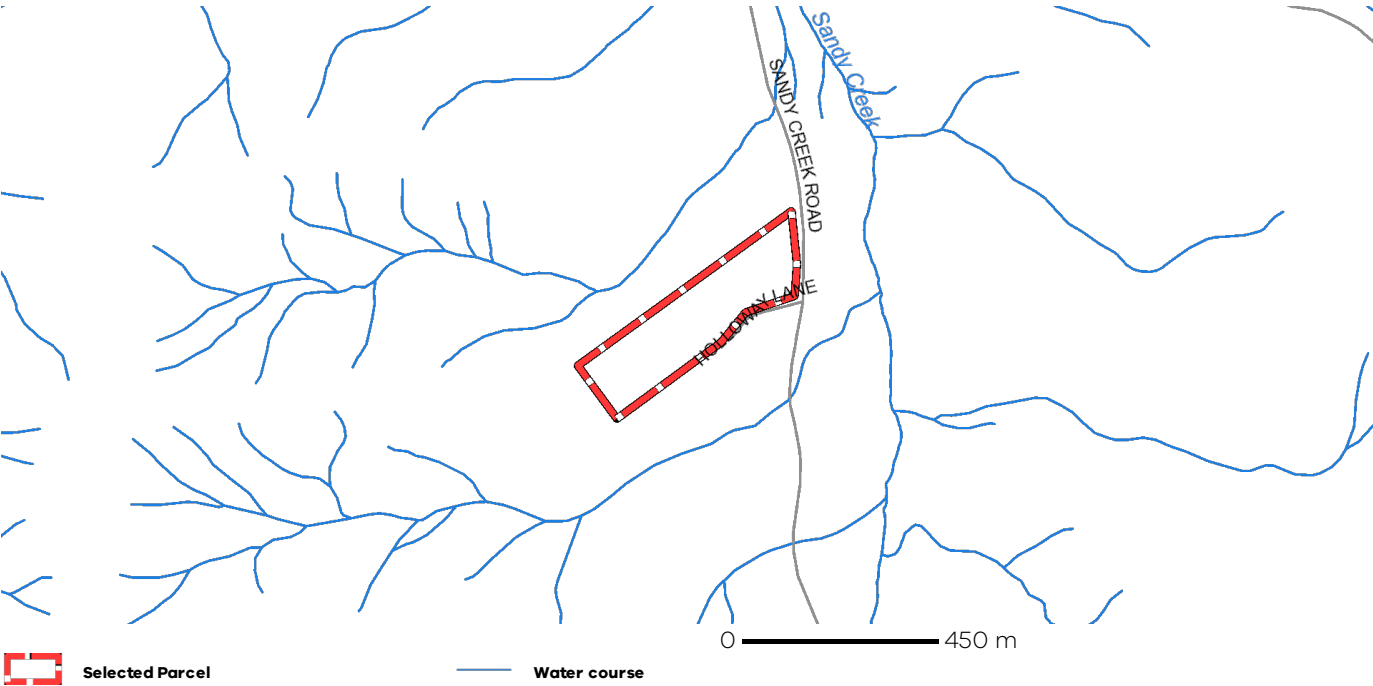
Planning Property Reports can be found via these two links

Vicplan <https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan/>

Property and parcel search <https://www.land.vic.gov.au/property-and-parcel-search>

PROPERTY REPORT

Area Map



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| Council Property Number: | 7671 | |
| Planning Scheme: | Indigo | Planning Scheme - Indigo |
| Directory Reference: | Vicroads 36 C7 | |

UTILITIES

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| Rural Water Corporation: | Goulburn-Murray Water |
| Urban Water Corporation: | North East Water |
| Melbourne Water: | Outside drainage boundary |
| Power Distributor: | AUSNET |

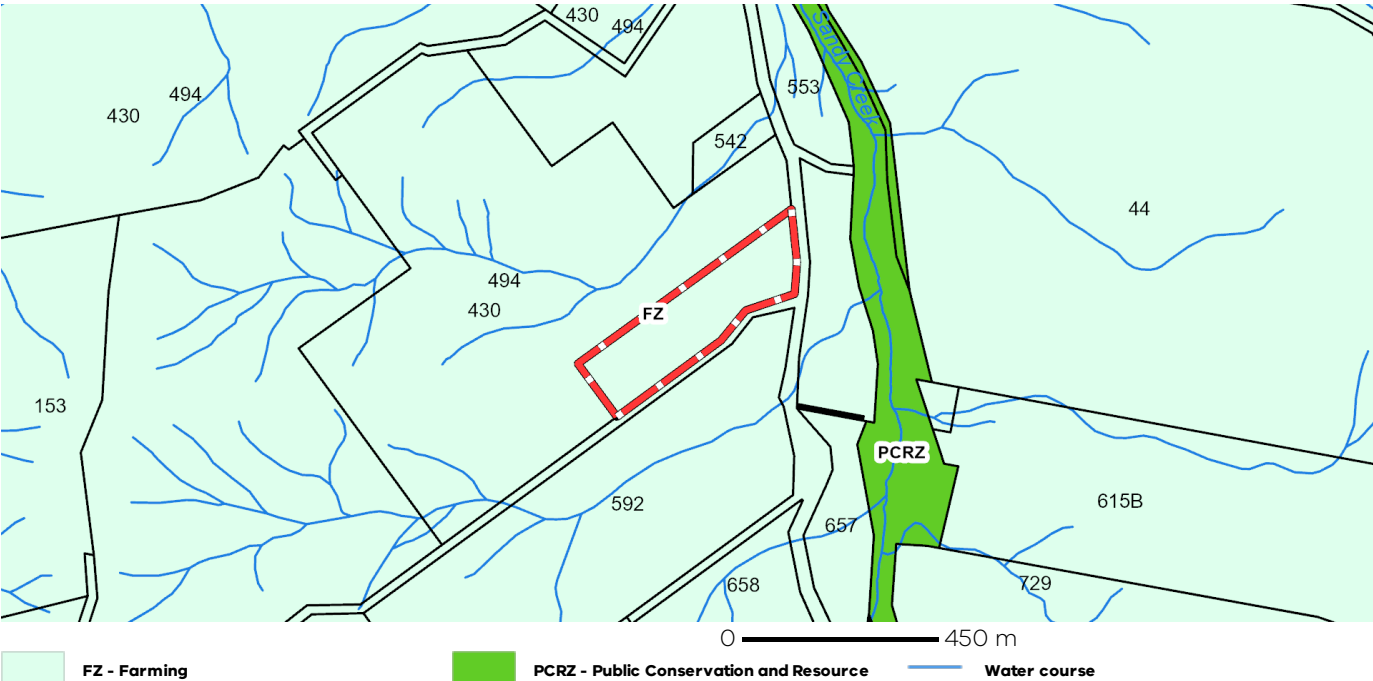
STATE ELECTORATES

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| Legislative Council: | NORTHERN VICTORIA |
| Legislative Assembly: | BENAMBRA |
| OTHER | |
| Registered Aboriginal Party: | None |
| Fire Authority: | Country Fire Authority |

[View location in VicPlan](#)

Planning Zones

[FARMING ZONE \(FZ\)](#)
[SCHEDULE TO THE FARMING ZONE \(FZ\)](#)



Note: labels for zones may appear outside the actual zone - please compare the labels with the legend.

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Planning Overlay

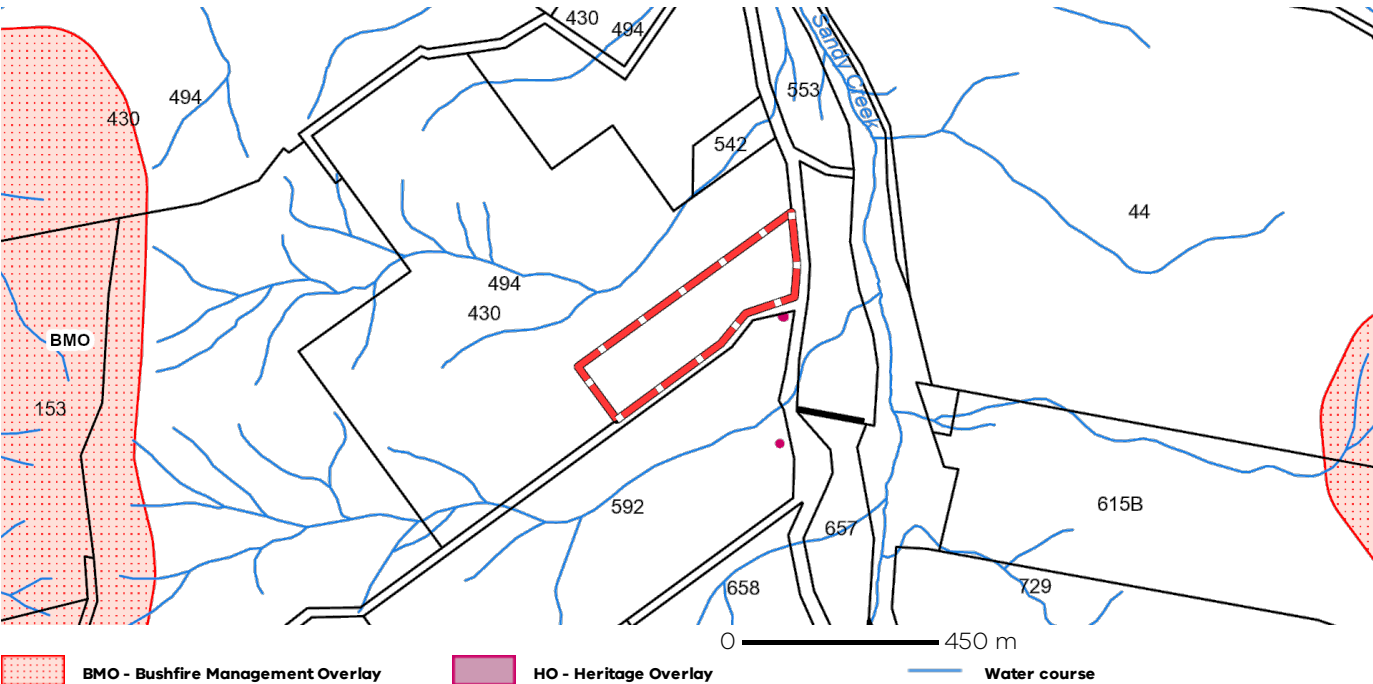
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OTHER OVERLAYS

Other overlays in the vicinity not directly affecting this land

[BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY \(BMO\)](#)

[HERITAGE OVERLAY \(HO\)](#)



Note: due to overlaps, some overlays may not be visible, and some colours may not match those in the legend

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Areas of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity

All or part of this parcel is an 'area of cultural heritage sensitivity'.

'Areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' are defined under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, and include registered Aboriginal cultural heritage places and land form types that are generally regarded as more likely to contain Aboriginal cultural heritage.

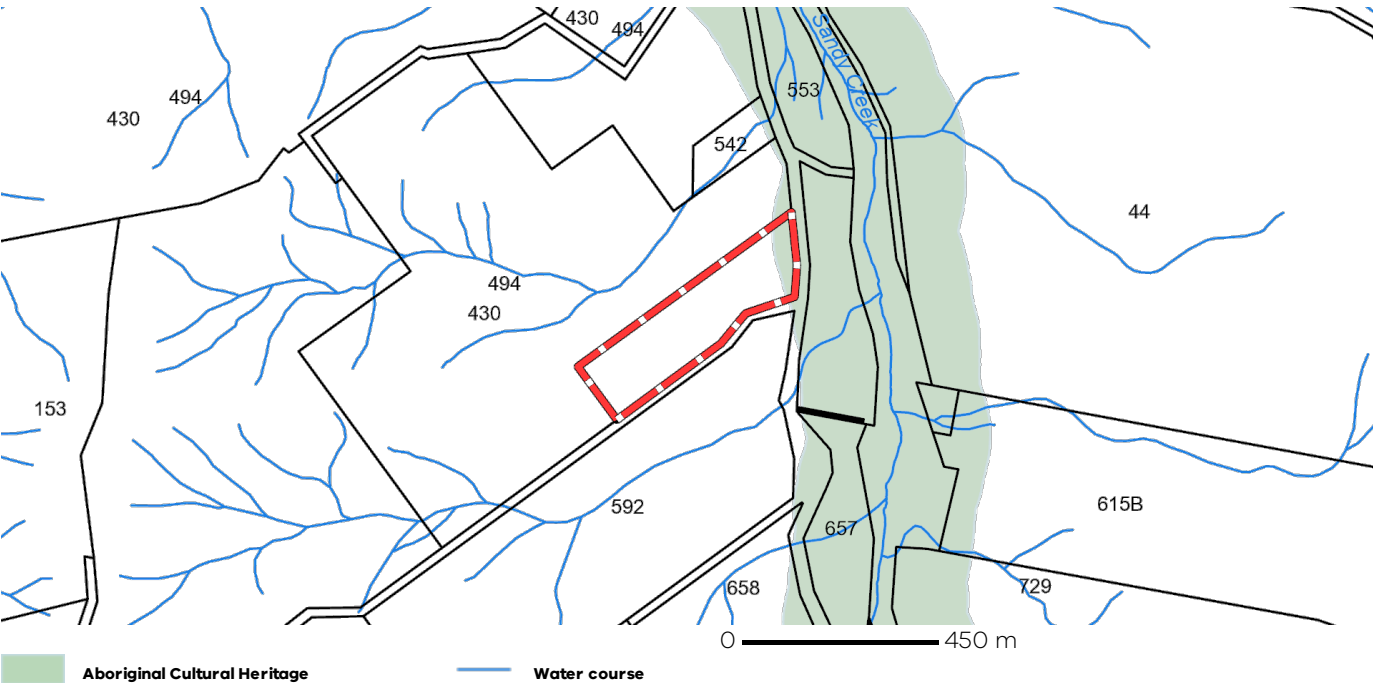
Under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, 'areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' are one part of a two part trigger which require a 'cultural heritage management plan' be prepared where a listed 'high impact activity' is proposed.

If a significant land use change is proposed (for example, a subdivision into 3 or more lots), a cultural heritage management plan may be triggered. One or two dwellings, works ancillary to a dwelling, services to a dwelling, alteration of buildings and minor works are examples of works exempt from this requirement.

Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, where a cultural heritage management plan is required, planning permits, licences and work authorities cannot be issued unless the cultural heritage management plan has been approved for the activity.

For further information about whether a Cultural Heritage Management Plan is required go to <https://heritage.achris.vic.gov.au/gavQuestion1.aspx>

More information, including links to both the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, can also be found here - <https://www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-heritage-legislation>



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Further Planning Information

Planning scheme data last updated on 1 December 2025.

A **planning scheme** sets out policies and requirements for the use, development and protection of land. This report provides information about the zone and overlay provisions that apply to the selected land. Information about the State and local policy, particular, general and operational provisions of the local planning scheme that may affect the use of this land can be obtained by contacting the local council or by visiting <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

This report is NOT a **Planning Certificate** issued pursuant to Section 199 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**. It does not include information about exhibited planning scheme amendments, or zonings that may affect the land. To obtain a Planning Certificate go to Titles and Property Certificates at Landata - <https://www.landata.vic.gov.au>

For details of surrounding properties, use this service to get the Reports for properties of interest.

To view planning zones, overlay and heritage information in an interactive format visit <https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan/>

For other information about planning in Victoria visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

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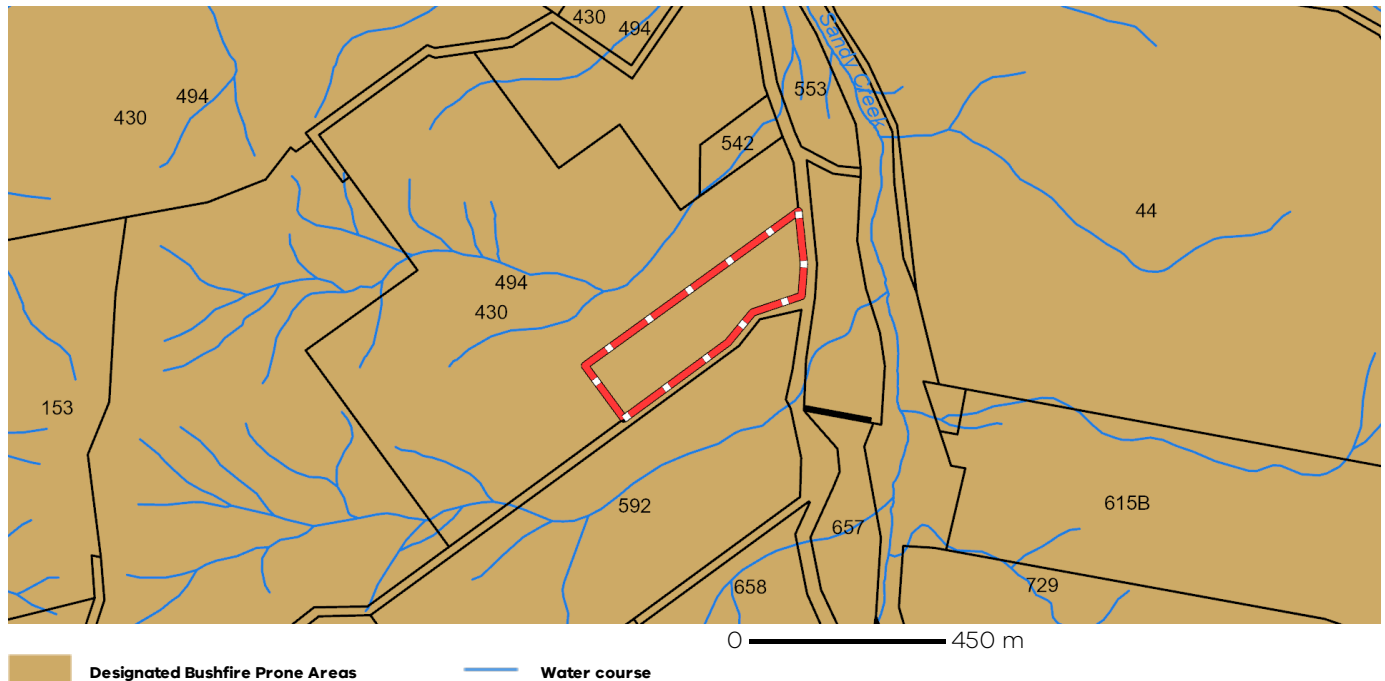
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Designated Bushfire Prone Areas

This parcel is in a designated bushfire prone area. Special bushfire construction requirements apply to the part of the property mapped as a designated bushfire prone area (BPA). Planning provisions may apply.

Where part of the property is mapped as BPA, if no part of the building envelope or footprint falls within the BPA area, the BPA construction requirements do not apply.

Note: the relevant building surveyor determines the need for compliance with the bushfire construction requirements.



Designated BPA are determined by the Minister for Planning following a detailed review process. The Building Regulations 2018, through adoption of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated BPA.

Designated BPA maps can be viewed on VicPlan at <https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan/> or at the relevant local council.

Create a BPA definition plan in [VicPlan](#) to measure the BPA.

Information for lot owners building in the BPA is available at <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website <https://www.vba.vic.gov.au>. Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from <http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au>. For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>.

Native Vegetation

Native plants that are indigenous to Victoria and important for biodiversity might be present on this property. This could include trees, shrubs, herbs, grasses or aquatic plants. There are a range of regulations that may apply including need to obtain a planning permit under Clause 52.17 of the local planning scheme. For more information see [Native Vegetation \(Clause 52.17\)](#) with local variations in [Native Vegetation \(Clause 52.17\) Schedule](#)

To help identify native vegetation on this property and the application of Clause 52.17 please visit the Native Vegetation Regulations Map (NVR Map) <https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/nvr/> and [Native vegetation \(environment.vic.gov.au\)](http://nativevegetation.environment.vic.gov.au) or please contact your relevant council.

You can find out more about the natural values on your property through NatureKit [NatureKit \(environment.vic.gov.au\)](http://naturekit.environment.vic.gov.au)

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Notwithstanding this disclaimer, a vendor may rely on the information in this report for the purpose of a statement that land is in a bushfire prone area as required by section 32C (b) of the Sale of Land 1962 (Vic).









Expirat: 31 Desember 2024.

Due diligence checklist

What you need to know before buying a residential property

Before you buy a home, you should be aware of a range of issues that may affect that property and impose restrictions or obligations on you, if you buy it. This checklist aims to help you identify whether any of these issues will affect you. The questions are a starting point only and you may need to seek professional advice to answer some of them. You can find links to organisations and web pages that can help you learn more, by visiting the [Due diligence checklist page on the Consumer Affairs Victoria website](https://consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist) (consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist).

Urban living

Moving to the inner city?

High density areas are attractive for their entertainment and service areas, but these activities create increased traffic as well as noise and odours from businesses and people. Familiarising yourself with the character of the area will give you a balanced understanding of what to expect.

Is the property subject to an owners corporation?

If the property is part of a subdivision with common property such as driveways or grounds, it may be subject to an owners corporation. You may be required to pay fees and follow rules that restrict what you can do on your property, such as a ban on pet ownership.

Growth areas

Are you moving to a growth area?

You should investigate whether you will be required to pay a growth areas infrastructure contribution.

Flood and fire risk

Does this property experience flooding or bushfire?

Properties are sometimes subject to the risk of fire and flooding due to their location. You should properly investigate these risks and consider their implications for land management, buildings and insurance premiums.

Rural properties

Moving to the country?

If you are looking at property in a rural zone, consider:

- Is the surrounding land use compatible with your lifestyle expectations? Farming can create noise or odour that may be at odds with your expectations of a rural lifestyle.
- Are you considering removing native vegetation? There are regulations which affect your ability to remove native vegetation on private property.
- Do you understand your obligations to manage weeds and pest animals?

Can you build new dwellings?

Does the property adjoin crown land, have a water frontage, contain a disused government road, or are there any crown licences associated with the land?

Is there any earth resource activity such as mining in the area?

You may wish to find out more about exploration, mining and quarrying activity on or near the property and consider the issue of petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas sequestration permits, leases and licences, extractive industry authorisations and mineral licences.

Soil and groundwater contamination

Has previous land use affected the soil or groundwater?

You should consider whether past activities, including the use of adjacent land, may have caused contamination at the site and whether this may prevent you from doing certain things to or on the land in the future.

Land boundaries

Do you know the exact boundary of the property?

You should compare the measurements shown on the title document with actual fences and buildings on the property, to make sure the boundaries match. If you have concerns about this, you can speak to your lawyer or conveyancer, or commission a site survey to establish property boundaries.

Planning controls

Can you change how the property is used, or the buildings on it?

All land is subject to a planning scheme, run by the local council. How the property is zoned and any overlays that may apply, will determine how the land can be used. This may restrict such things as whether you can build on vacant land or how you can alter or develop the land and its buildings over time.

The local council can give you advice about the planning scheme, as well as details of any other restrictions that may apply, such as design guidelines or bushfire safety design. There may also be restrictions – known as encumbrances – on the property's title, which prevent you from developing the property. You can find out about encumbrances by looking at the section 32 statement.

Are there any proposed or granted planning permits?

The local council can advise you if there are any proposed or issued planning permits for any properties close by. Significant developments in your area may change the local 'character' (predominant style of the area) and may increase noise or traffic near the property.

Safety

Is the building safe to live in?

Building laws are in place to ensure building safety. Professional building inspections can help you assess the property for electrical safety, possible illegal building work, adequate pool or spa fencing and the presence of asbestos, termites, or other potential hazards.

Building permits

Have any buildings or retaining walls on the property been altered, or do you plan to alter them?

There are laws and regulations about how buildings and retaining walls are constructed, which you may wish to investigate to ensure any completed or proposed building work is approved. The local council may be able to give you information about any building permits issued for recent building works done to the property, and what you must do to plan new work. You can also commission a private building surveyor's assessment.

Are any recent building or renovation works covered by insurance?

Ask the vendor if there is any owner-builder insurance or builder's warranty to cover defects in the work done to the property.

Utilities and essential services

Does the property have working connections for water, sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and internet?

Unconnected services may not be available, or may incur a fee to connect. You may also need to choose from a range of suppliers for these services. This may be particularly important in rural areas where some services are not available.

Buyers' rights

Do you know your rights when buying a property?

The contract of sale and section 32 statement contain important information about the property, so you should request to see these and read them thoroughly. Many people engage a lawyer or conveyancer to help them understand the contracts and ensure the sale goes through correctly. If you intend to hire a professional, you should consider speaking to them before you commit to the sale. There are also important rules about the way private sales and auctions are conducted. These may include a cooling-off period and specific rights associated with 'off the plan' sales. The important thing to remember is that, as the buyer, you have rights.

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