



Vendors Statement to the Purchaser of Real Estate Pursuant to Section 32 of the Sale of Land Act ("the Act")

This document is prepared from a precedent intended solely for use by legal practitioners with the knowledge, skill and qualifications required to use the precedent to create a document suitable to meet the vendor's legal obligation to give certain statements and documents to a purchaser before the purchaser signs a contract to purchase the land. This document incorporates the requirements in section 32 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962* as at 1 October 2014.

Vendor Statement

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

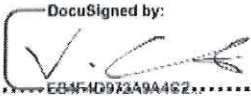
This statement must be signed by the vendor and given to the purchaser before the purchaser signs the contract.

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.

PROPERTY: 97 Cureton Avenue, Nichols Point

VENDOR'S NAME: Victor Brendan Caristo

DocuSigned by:

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VENDOR'S SIGNATURE:

22/9/2021

DATE: _____

PURCHASER'S NAME:

PURCHASER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE: _____

**VENDORS STATEMENT TO THE PURCHASER OF REAL ESTATE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 32 OF THE SALE OF LAND ACT ("the Act")**

Vendor: Victor Brendan Caristo

Property: 97 Cureton Avenue, Nichols Point
Lot 1 on PS 423083K
Certificate of Title Volume 10435 Folio 938

1. Financial matters in respect of the land

Information concerning the amount of Rates, Taxes, Charges and other similar outgoings affecting the property and interest (if any) payable thereon (including any Owners Corporation Charges and Interest):

(a) ~~are contained in the attached certificate/s.~~
are as follows :

| <u>Authority</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. Mildura Rural City Council | \$ 2,602.52 per annum 2021/2022 | |
| 2. Lower Murray Water- Urban | \$ 174.22 per quarter 2021/2022 (tariff only) | |

Any further amounts (including any proposed Owners Corporation Levy) for which the Purchaser may become liable as a consequence of the purchase of the property are as follows: Usual Adjustment of outgoings and water by measure

(a) ~~Their total does not exceed \$~~

(b) ~~The particulars of any Charge (whether registered or not) over the property imposed by or under any Act to secure an amount due under that Act are as follows:~~

(c) ~~**The Purchaser may be liable for ongoing Lower Murray Water charges that are applicable to water righted land. Refer to information statement attached hereto for information.~~

(d) ~~**The parties acknowledge that the Purchaser will be responsible for the payment of any charges and fees in relation to continuing the Lower Murray Water Authority water connection and also the installation and supply of a Lower Murray Water meter (if required).~~

2. Insurance details in respect of the land

(a) If the contract provides that the land does not remain at the vendor's risk before the purchaser is entitled to possession or receipt of rents and profits:

No such insurance has been effected
Particulars of vendor's insurance policy:

(b) If there is a residence on the land which was constructed within the preceding 6 years and section 137B of the **Building Act 1993** applies to the residence:

No such insurance has been effected.
Particulars of vendor's required insurance:

3. Matters relating to land use

- (a) Information concerning any easement, covenant or similar restriction affecting the property, registered or unregistered, are as follows:
 - (i) Description:
 - (ii) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with the terms of that easement, covenant and/or restriction are as follows:
- (b) This land is not within a bushfire prone area within the meaning of the regulations made under the *Building Act 1993*
- (c) There is access to the property by road.
- (d) In the case of land to which a planning scheme applies a statement specifying—
 - (i) name of the planning scheme: See attached
 - (ii) name of the responsible authority: See attached
 - (iii) zoning of the land: See attached
 - (iv) name of any planning overlay affecting the land: See attached
 - (v) Salinity – See attached

4. Notices made in respect of land

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

~~Is contained in the attached certificate/s and/or statement/s.~~

~~Is as follows:~~

None to the Vendor's knowledge

- (b) Whether there are any 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:

~~Is contained in the attached certificate/s and/or statement/s.~~

~~Is as follows:~~

None to the Vendor's knowledge

- (c) Particulars of any notice of intention to acquire served under section 6 of the ***Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986***.

~~Is contained in the attached certificate/s and/or statement/s.~~

~~Is as follows:~~

None to the Vendor's knowledge

5. Building permits

Particulars of any building permit issued during the past seven years under the *Building Act 1993* (where the property includes a Residence):

No such Building permit has been granted to the Vendor's knowledge

~~Is contained in the attached certificate/s.~~

~~Is as follows:~~

6. Information relating to any Owners Corporation

The land is not affected by an Owners Corporation within the meaning of the *Owners Corporations Act 2006*.

~~(a) Unless paragraph (b) below applies—~~

~~—either—~~

~~(A) specify the information prescribed for the purposes of section 151(4)(a) of the *Owners Corporations Act 2006* relating to the Owners Corporation; or~~

~~(B) (i) attach a copy of the current Owners Corporation certificate issued in respect of the land under section 151 of the *Owners Corporations Act 2006*; and~~

~~(ii) attach a copy of the documents specified in section 151(4)(b)(i) and (iii) of the *Owners Corporations Act 2006* that are required to accompany an Owners Corporation certificate under that Act; or~~

~~(b) If the Owners Corporation is inactive, specify the Owners Corporation is inactive as the Owners Corporation HAS NOT in the previous 15 months:—~~

~~(i) had an annual general meeting;~~

~~(ii) fixed any fees; and~~

~~(iii) held any insurance.~~

7. Growth areas infrastructure contribution

There is not a work-in-kind agreement (within the meaning of Part 9B of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*) —

Particulars of work-in-kind agreement:

Is contained in the attached certificate/s and / or notice/s:

8. Disclosure of non-connected services

The following services are **not** connected to the land—

~~(a) electricity supply;~~

~~(b) gas supply;~~

~~(c) water supply; Urban~~

~~(d) sewerage;~~

~~(e) telephone services.~~

9. Evidence of title

Attached are copies of the following document/s concerning Title:

(a) in the case of land under the *Transfer of Land Act 1958*, a copy of the Register Search Statement and the document, or part of the document, referred to as the diagram location in the Register Search Statement that identifies the land and its location;

(b) in any other case, a copy of—

(i) the last conveyance in the chain of title to the land; or

(ii) any other document which gives evidence of the vendor's title to the land;

(c) if the vendor is not the registered proprietor of the land or the owner of the estate in fee simple in the land, evidence of the vendor's right or power to sell the land;

(d) in the case of land that is subject to a subdivision—

- (i) if the plan of subdivision has not been registered, a copy of the plan of subdivision which has been certified by the relevant municipal council; or
 - (ii) if the plan of subdivision has not yet been certified, a copy of the latest version of the plan;
- (e) In the case of land that is part of a staged subdivision within the meaning of Section 37 of the **Subdivision Act 1988** –
- (i) If the land is in the second or a subsequent stage, a copy of the plan for the first stage; and
 - (ii) Details of any requirements in a statement of compliance relating to the stage in which the land is included that have not been complied with; and
 - (iii) Details of any proposals relating to subsequent stages that are known to the vendor; and
 - (iv) A statement of the contents of any permit under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** authorising the staged subdivision.
- (f) In the case of land that is subject to a subdivision and in respect of which a further plan within the meaning of the **Subdivision Act 1988** is proposed –
- (i) If the later plan has not been registered, a copy of the plan which has been certified by the relevant municipal council; or
 - (ii) If the later plan has not yet been certified, a copy of the latest version of the plan.

10. 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 the 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 but the checklist has been attached as a matter of convenience.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS:

Where the property is to be sold subject to a Mortgage that is not to be discharged by the date of possession (or receipt of rents and profits) of the property and/or sold on Terms – the Vendor must provide an additional Statement containing the particulars specified in Schedules 1 and 2 of the Act.

Where the land is to be sold pursuant to a terms contract which obliges the purchaser to make two or more payments to the vendor after the execution of the contract and before the purchaser is entitled to a conveyance or transfer of the land, then the vendor must provide an additional statement containing the information specified in Schedule 2 of the Sale of Land Act 1962.



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**REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of
Land Act 1958**

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VOLUME 10435 FOLIO 938

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 423083K.
PARENT TITLE Volume 10264 Folio 764
Created by instrument PS423083K 01/04/1999

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple
Sole Proprietor

VICTOR BRENDAN CARISTO of 97 CURETON AVENUE NICHOLS POINT VIC 3501
AN109694W 19/09/2016

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

MORTGAGE AT505034G 11/08/2020
MACQUARIE BANK LTD

Any encumbrances created by Section 98 Transfer of Land Act 1958 or Section 24 Subdivision Act 1988 and any other encumbrances shown or entered on the plan set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE PS423083K 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: 97 CURETON AVENUE NICHOLS POINT VIC 3501

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

eCT Control 18440T MSA NATIONAL
Effective from 11/08/2020

DOCUMENT END

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|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| PLAN OF SUBDIVISION | Stage No. / | LTO use only EDITION 1 | PLAN NUMBER PS 423083K |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|

Location of Land
 Parish: MILDURA
 Township: _____
 Section: 11, BLOCK F
 Crown Allotment: 15 & 15⁶
 Crown Portion: _____

LTO base record: LITHO
 Title References: Vol. 10264 Fol. 764

Last Plan Reference: PC 356122N
 Postal Address: CURETON & SANDILONG AVENUES
 MILDURA, 3500

AMG Co-ordinates: E 610100
 (Of approx. centre of plan) N 6215200 Zone 54

Council Certification and Endorsement

Council Name: MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL Ref:

1. This plan is certified under section 6 of the Subdivision Act 1988.
2. ~~This plan is certified under section 11(7) of the Subdivision Act 1988.~~
~~Date of original certification under section 6 / /~~
3. ~~This is a statement of compliance issued under section 21 of the Subdivision Act 1988.~~

Open Space

(i) A requirement for public open space under section 18 Subdivision Act 1988 ~~has / has not been made.~~

(ii) ~~The requirement has been satisfied.~~

(iii) ~~The requirement is to be satisfied in Stage~~

Council Delegate
~~Council seal~~

Date 10 / 12 / 98

Re-certified under section 11(7) of the Subdivision Act 1988

Council Delegate
 Council seal

Date / /

| Vesting of Roads or Reserves | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Identifier | Council/Body/Person |
| NIL | NIL |

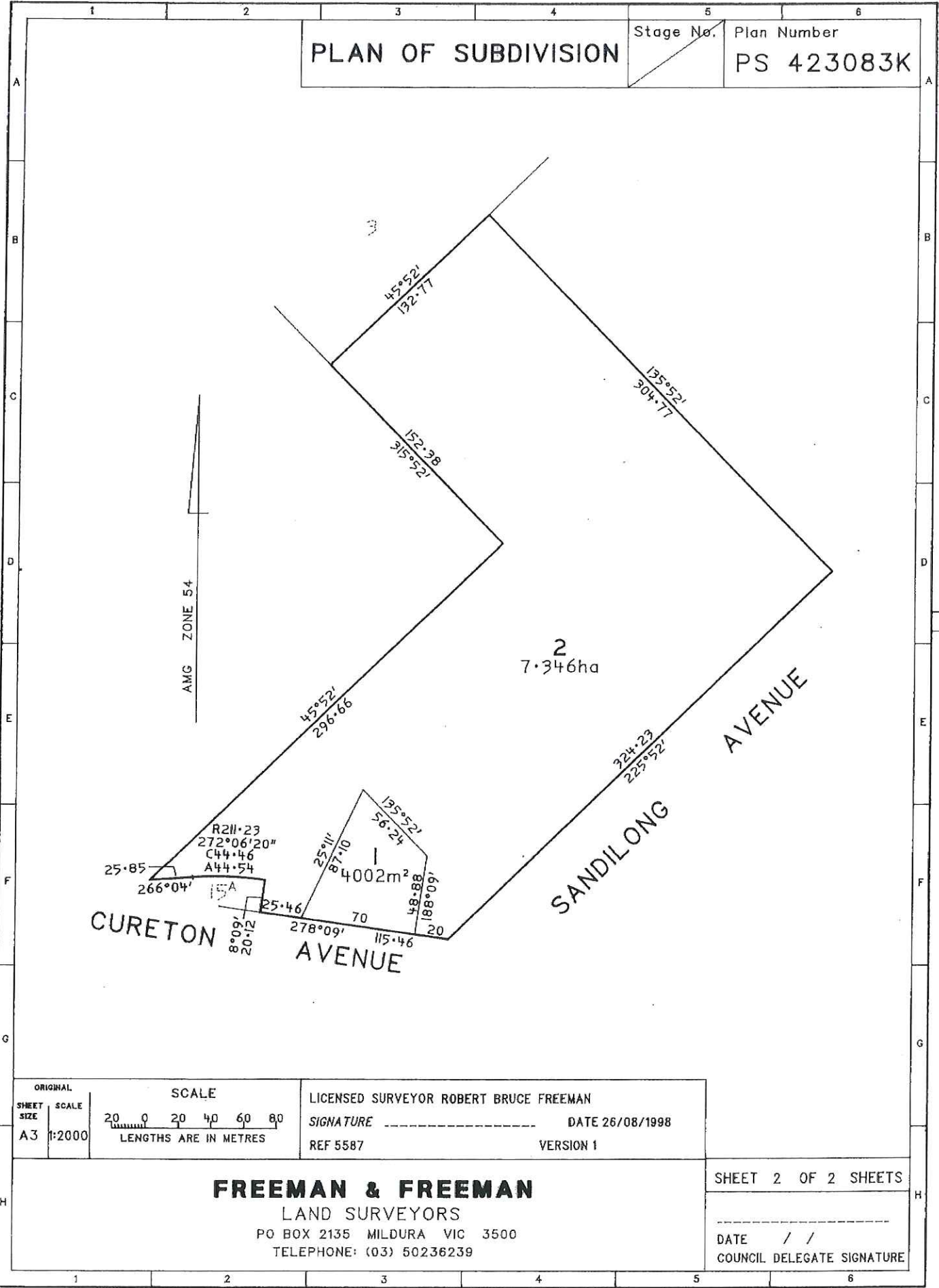
Notations

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| <p><u>Depth Limitation:</u></p> <p>15 METRES APPLIES TO THAT PART OF THE LAND ON THIS PLAN BEING CROWN ALLOTMENT 15⁶ OF SECTION 11, BLOCK F. 15.24 METRES APPLIES TO THAT PART OF THE LAND ON THIS PLAN BEING CROWN ALLOTMENT 15 OF SECTION 11, BLOCK F.</p> <p><u>OTHER NOTATIONS:</u></p> <p>LOT 1 ONLY IS SUBJECT TO THIS SURVEY.</p> <p>THE AREA OF LOT 2 HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY DEDUCTION.</p> | <p><u>Staging</u> This is/is not a staged subdivision Planning Permit No. P97/529</p> <p><u>Survey:-</u> This plan is / is not based on survey. To be completed where applicable. This survey has been connected to permanent marks no(s). 914,928&945 In Proclaimed Survey Area no. _____</p> |
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| Easement Information | | | | | LTO use only | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Easement Reference | Purpose | Width (Metres) | Origin | Land Benefited/In Favour Of | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>LICENSED SURVEYOR ROBERT BRUCE FREEMAN REF 5587 VERSION 1 DATE 26/08/1998 SIGNATURE _____</p> | | | | | <p>LTO use only</p> <p>PLAN REGISTERED TIME 1:40pm DATE 1 / 4 / 99</p> <p></p> <p>Assistant Registrar of Titles</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>FREEMAN & FREEMAN LAND SURVEYORS PO BOX 2135 MILDURA VIC 3500 TELEPHONE: (03) 50236239</p> | | | | | <p>Sheet 1 of 2 Sheets</p> <p>DATE 10 / 12 / 98 COUNCIL DELEGATE SIGNATURE</p> <p>Original sheet size A3</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Stage No. | Plan Number |
| | PS 423083K |

PLAN OF SUBDIVISION



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| SHEET SIZE A3 | SCALE 1:2000 | SIGNATURE _____ DATE 26/08/1998 |
| | LENGTHS ARE IN METRES | REF 5587 VERSION 1 |

FREEMAN & FREEMAN
 LAND SURVEYORS
 PO BOX 2135 MILDURA VIC 3500
 TELEPHONE: (03) 50236239

SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

DATE / /
 COUNCIL DELEGATE SIGNATURE

Legend

- Urban Water
- Pipeline
- Retired Pipeline
- Urban Sewer
- Gravity Pipeline
- Pressure Main Pipeline
- Rising Main Pipeline
- Retired Gravity Pipeline
- Retired Pressure Main Pipeline
- Retired Rising Main Pipeline
- Rural Irrigation
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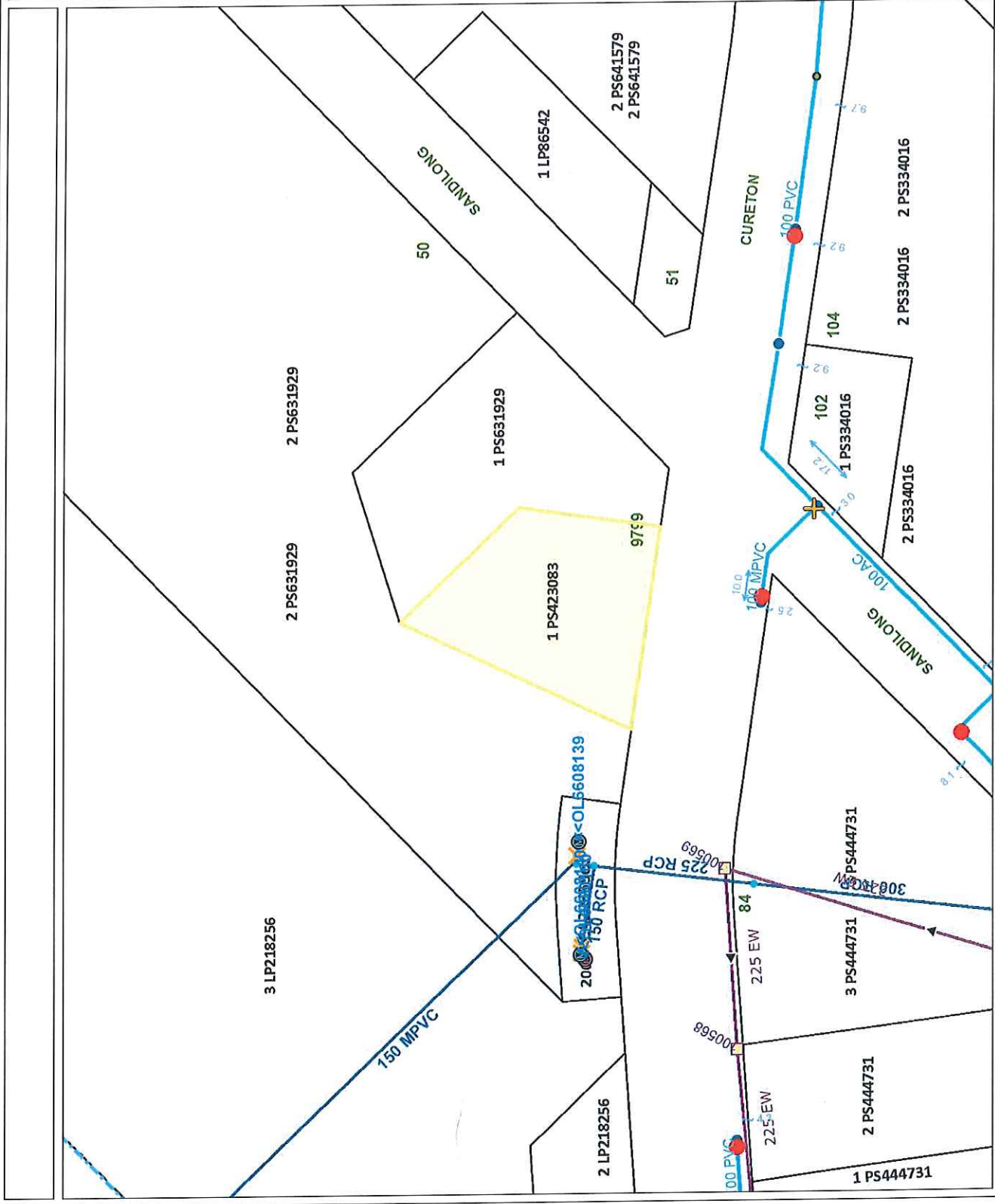


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 and Rural Water Corporation

Notes/Comments

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PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT

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PROPERTY DETAILS

Address: **97 CURETON AVENUE NICHOLS POINT 3501**
Lot and Plan Number: **Lot 1 PS423083**
Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): **1\PS423083**
Local Government Area (Council): **MILDURA**
Council Property Number: **15181**
Planning Scheme: **Mildura**
Directory Reference: **Vicroads 3 E5**

www.mildura.vic.gov.au

[Planning Scheme - Mildura](#)

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation: **Lower Murray Water**
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Power Distributor: **POWERCOR**

STATE ELECTORATES

Legislative Council: **NORTHERN VICTORIA**
Legislative Assembly: **MILDURA**

OTHER

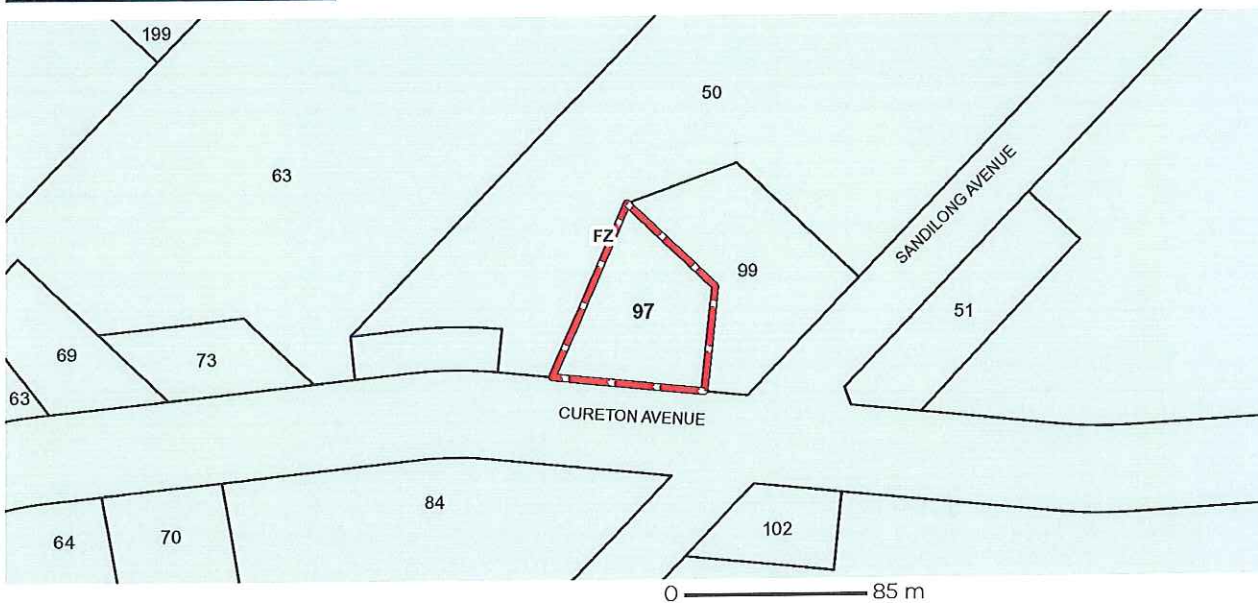
Registered Aboriginal Party: **First People of the Millewa-Mallee**


[View location in VicPlan](#)

Planning Zones

FARMING ZONE (FZ)

SCHEDULE TO THE FARMING ZONE (FZ)



 FZ - Farming

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

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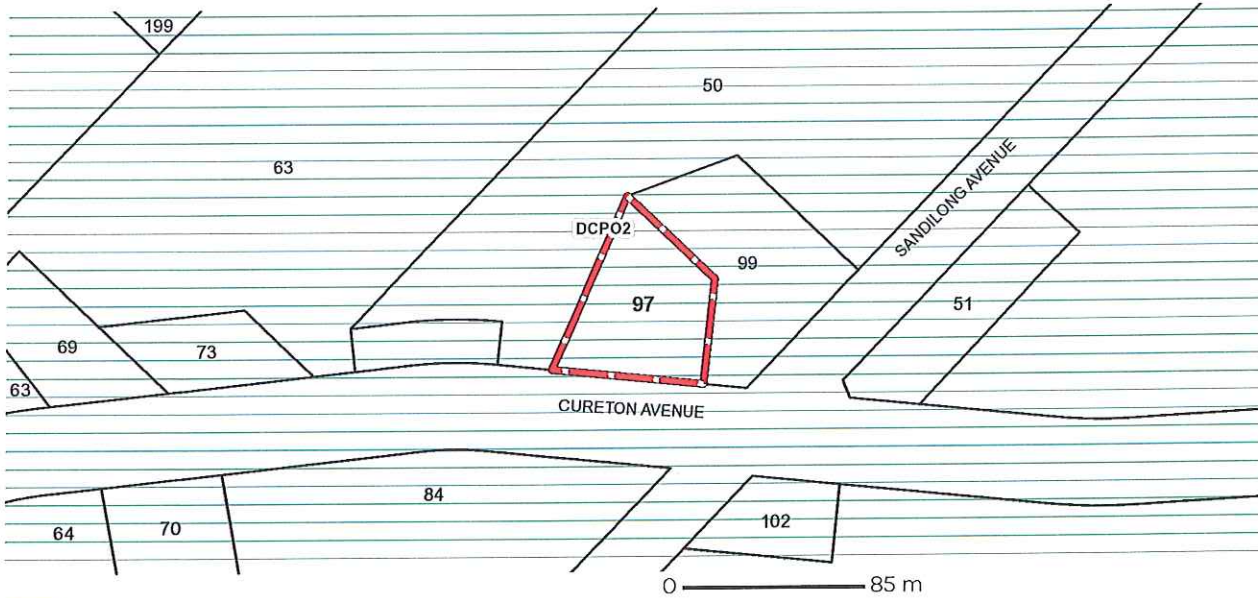
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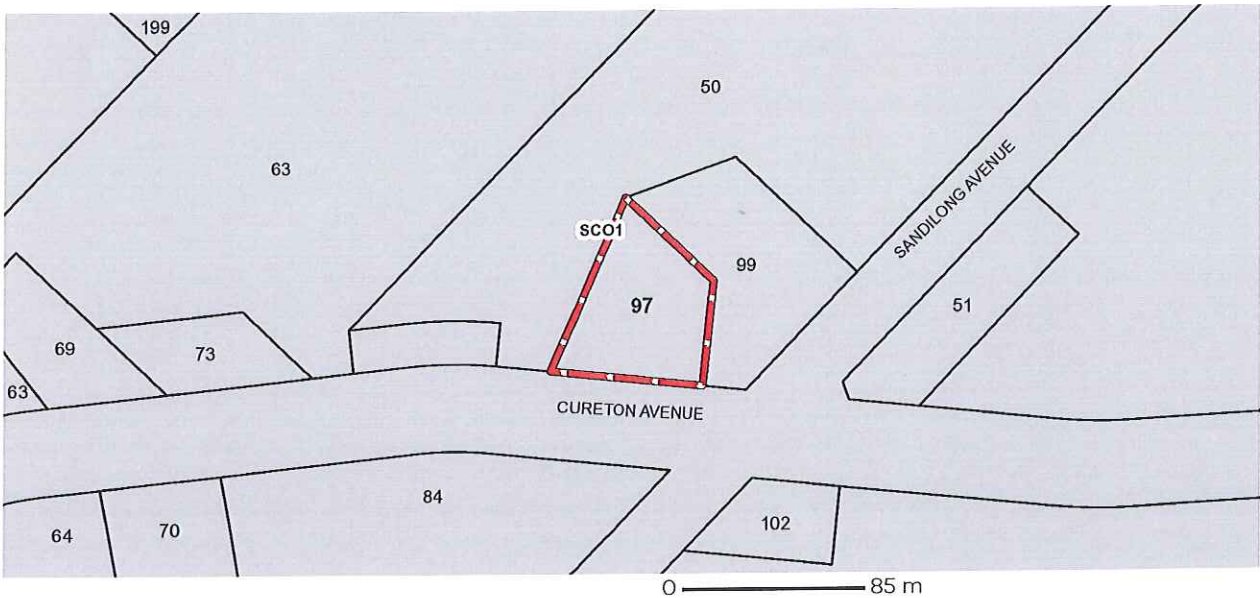
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DCPO - Development Contributions Plan

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SPECIFIC CONTROLS OVERLAY (SCO) SPECIFIC CONTROLS OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 1 (SCO1)



SCO - Specific Controls

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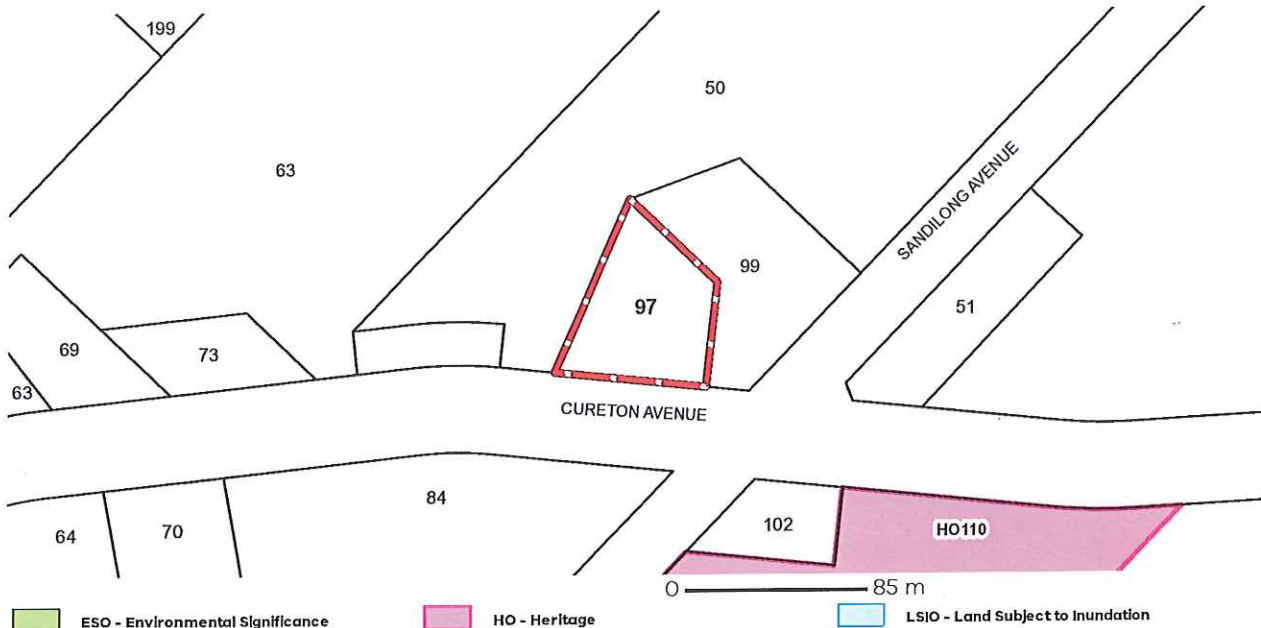
OTHER OVERLAYS

Other overlays in the vicinity not directly affecting this land

[ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY \(ESO\)](#)

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

[LAND SUBJECT TO INUNDATION OVERLAY \(LSIO\)](#)



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Further Planning Information

Planning scheme data last updated on 8 September 2021.

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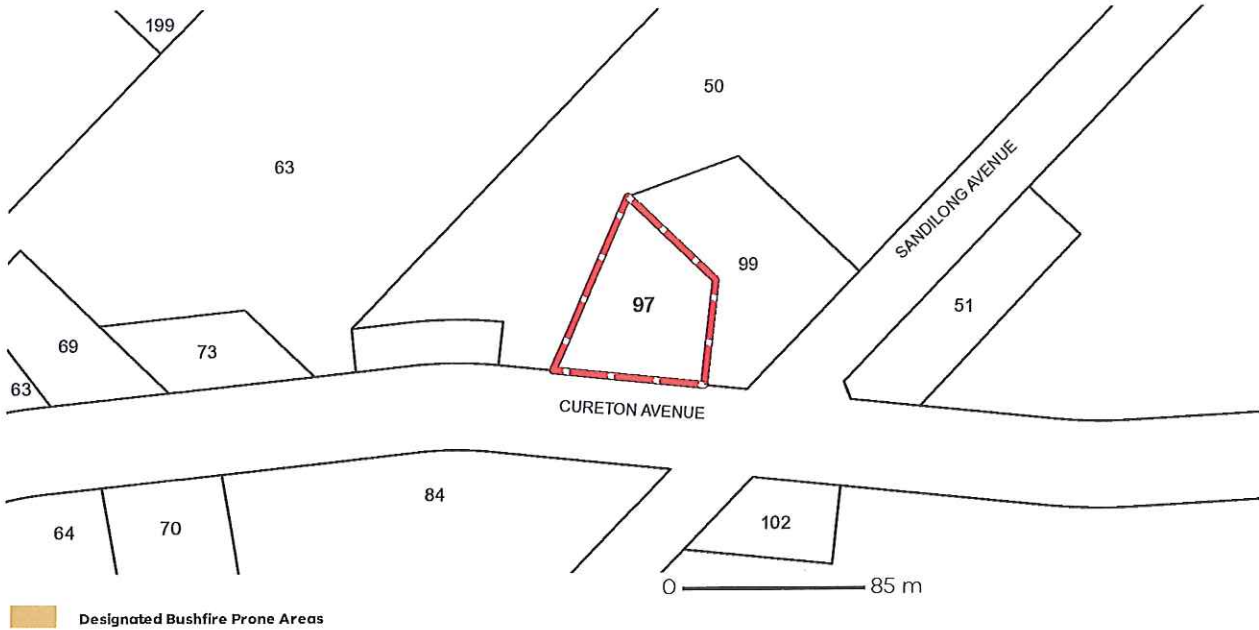
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Designated Bushfire Prone Areas

This property is not in a designated bushfire prone area.
No special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.



Designated bushfire prone areas as determined by the Minister for Planning are in effect from 8 September 2011 and amended from time to time.

The Building Regulations 2018 through application of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated bushfire prone areas.

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

Note: prior to 8 September 2011, the whole of Victoria was designated as bushfire prone area for the purposes of the building control system.

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 the region 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 his property and the application of Clause 52.17 please visit the Native Vegetation Information Management system <https://nvm.delwp.vic.gov.au/> and [Native vegetation \(environment.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.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 \(environment.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/naturekit/)

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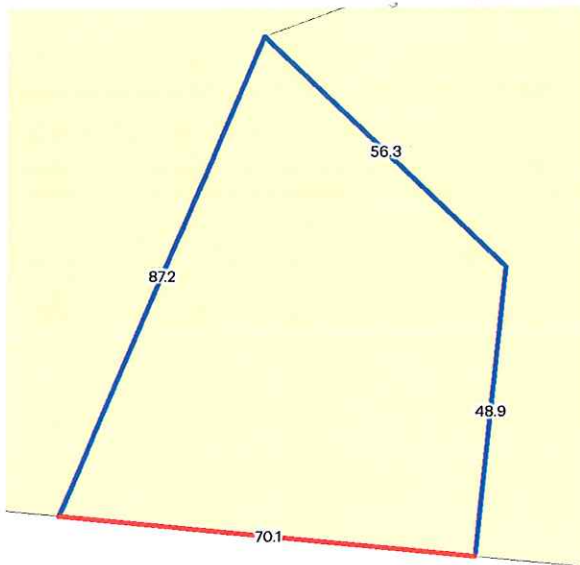
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SITE DIMENSIONS

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



Area: 4004 sq. m

Perimeter: 262 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](#)

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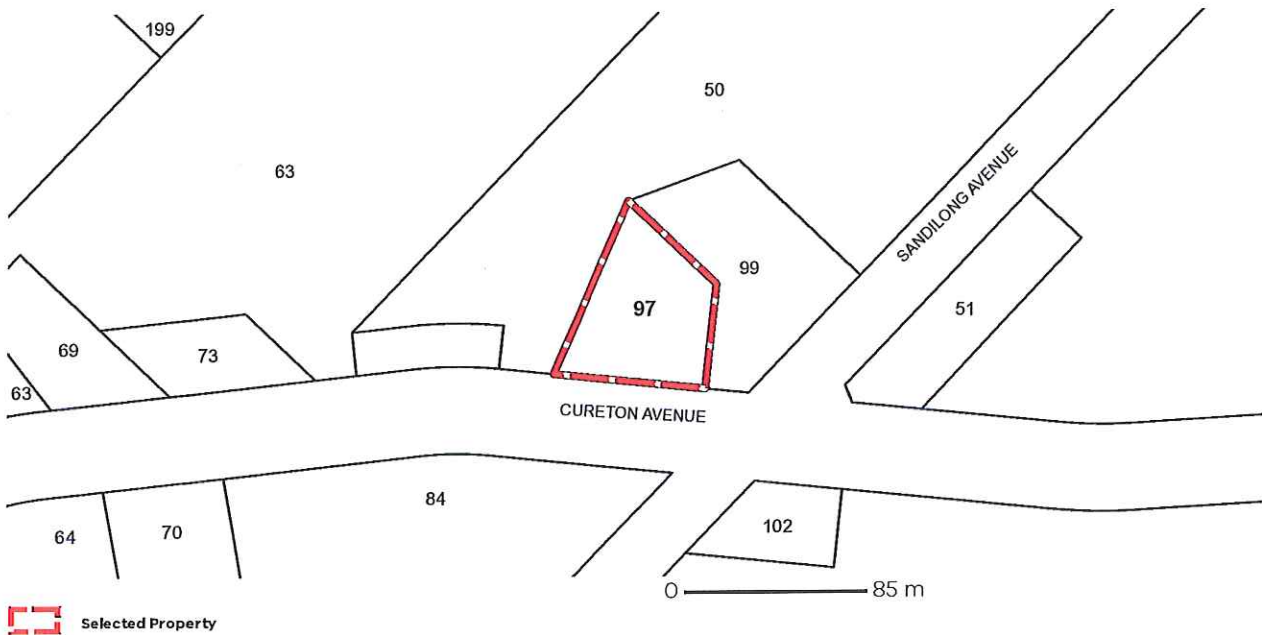
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Area Map



**ATTACHMENT TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
BUILDING REGULATION 51
SALINITY AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY**

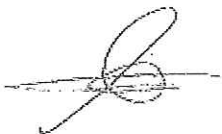
Some land within the municipality of the Mildura Rural City Council contains high levels of salt resulting in a condition commonly referred to as 'salinity'. Salinity can result in 'salt damp' or 'rising damp and salt attack' which can cause damage to certain building materials such as concrete and masonry.

Council recommends that you make your own inquiries regarding the presence of high salinity on land which you own or are considering to purchase.

If you are proposing to construct buildings on land in the municipality, you should ascertain whether or not special measures should be taken during the construction of these buildings to minimise any effects that salinity may have.

Council provides this information to assist you to make informed decisions about existing buildings or the construction of new buildings in high salinity areas.

Yours sincerely

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Mark Yantses

MUNICIPAL BUILDING SURVEYOR

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Due diligence checklist for home buyers

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. This page contains links to organisations and web pages that can help you learn more.

From 1 October 2014, all sellers or estate agents must make this checklist available to potential buyers.

Sellers or estate agents must:

- ensure copies of the due diligence checklist are available to potential buyers at any open for inspection
- include a link to this webpage ([consumer.vic.gov.au/due diligence checklist](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/due-diligence-checklist)) or include a copy on any website maintained by the estate agent or the seller (if no estate agent is acting for the seller).

You can print additional copies of the [Due diligence checklist \(Word, 140KB\)](#).

Urban living

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.

For more information, visit the [Commercial and industrial noise page on the Environment Protection Authority website](#) and the [Odour page on the Environment Protection Authority website](#).

Buying into 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.

For more information, view our [Owners Corporations section](#) and read the [Statement of advice and information for prospective purchasers and lot owners \(Word, 53KB\)](#).

Growth areas

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

For more information, visit the [Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution page on the Department of Planning, Transport and Local Infrastructure website](#).

Flood and fire risk

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.

More information:

- [Australian Flood Risk Information Portal - Geoscience Australia website](#)
- [Melbourne Water website](#)
- [Mallee Catchment Management Authority website](#)
- » [North Central Catchment Management Authority website](#)
- [Glennelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority website](#)
- [North East Catchment Management Authority website](#)
- [Wimmera Catchment Management Authority website](#)
- [West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority website](#)
- » Bushfire Management Overlay in planning schemes - Department of Transport, Planning and Local infrastructure website
- [Building in bushfire prone areas - Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure website.](#)

Rural properties

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. For information about what impacts you should expect and how to manage them, visit the [new landholders section on the Department of Environment and Primary Industries website](#).
- » Are you considering removing native vegetation? There are regulations which affect your ability to remove native vegetation on private property. The limitations on clearing and processes for legal clearing are set out on the [Native Vegetation page on the Department of Environment and Primary industries website](#).
- » Do you understand your obligations to manage weeds and pest animals? Visit the [New landholders section on the Department of Environment and Primary Industries website](#).
- Can you build new dwellings? Contact the local council for more information.
- » 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? For more information, visit the [Department of Environment and Primary Industries website](#).

Earth resource activity, such as mining

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.

For more information, visit the [CeoVic page on the Department of State Development Business and Innovation website](#) and the [Information for community and landholders page on the Department of State Development Business and Innovation website](#).

Soil and groundwater contamination

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.

For information on sites that have been audited for contamination, visit the [contaminated site management page on the Environment Protection Authority website](#).

For guidance on how to identify if land is potentially contaminated, see the Potentially Contaminated Land General Practice Note June 2005 on the [Miscellaneous practice and advisory notes page on the Department of Planning and Community Development website](#).

Land boundaries

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.

For more information, visit the [Property and land titles page on the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure website](#).

Planning controls affecting 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.

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.

The local council can give you advice about planning schemes, as well as details of proposed or current planning permits. For more information, visit the [Planning Schemes Online on the Department of Planning and Community Development website](#).

A cultural heritage management plan or cultural heritage permit may be required prior to works being undertaken on the property. [The Aboriginal Heritage Planning Tool on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website](#) can help determine whether a cultural heritage management plan is

required for a proposed activity

Safety

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.

For more information, visit the [Consumers section on the Victorian Building Authority website](#) and the [Energy Safe Victoria website](#).

Building permits

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.

For more information about building regulation, visit our [Building and renovating section](#).

Aboriginal cultural heritage and building plans

For help to determine whether a cultural heritage management plan is required for a proposed activity, visit the [Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Planning Tool section on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website](#).

Insurance cover for recent building or renovation works

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

You can find out more about insurance coverage on the [Owner builders page on the Victorian Building Authority website](#) and [Domestic building insurance page on the Victorian Building Authority website](#).

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.

For more information, visit the [Choosing a retailer page on the Your Choice website](#).

For information on possible impacts of easements, visit the [Caveats, covenants and easements page of the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure website](#).

For information on the National Broadband Network (NBN) visit the [NBN Co website](#).

Buyers' rights

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.

For more information, view our [Buying property section](#).

Professional associations and bodies that may be helpful:

* Archicentre website

[Association of Consulting Surveyors Victoria website](#)

[Australian Institute of Conveyancers \(Victorian Division\) website](#)

[Institute of Surveyors Victoria website](#)

[Law institute of Victoria website](#)

[Real Estate Institute of Victoria website](#)

[Strata Community Australia \(Victoria\) website.](#)

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Vendor: Victor Brendan Caristo

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Vendor's Section 32 Statement

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