SPECIAL CONDITIONS included in Contract of Sale

BETWEEN Brendon Ronald Pollock as Vendor

And

As Purchaser

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. GST Withholding

- 1A 1. Words and expression defined or used in Subdivision 14-E of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth) or in A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth) have the same meaning in the Special Condition unless the context requires otherwise. Words and expression first used in the Special Condition and shown in italics and marked with an asterisk are defined or described in at least one of those Acts.
- 1A 2. This Special Condition 1A applies if the purchaser is requires to pay the Commissioner an *amount in accordance with section 14-250 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth)* because the property is *new residential premises or *potential residential land in either case falling within the parameters of that section, and also if the sale attracts the operation of section 14-255 of the legislation. Nothing in this Special Condition 1A is to be taken as relieving the Vendor from compliance with Section 14-255.
- 1A 3. The amount is to be deducted from the Vendor's entitlement to the contract*consideration and is then taken to be paid to the Vendor, whether or not the Vendor provides the Purchaser with a GST Withholding notice in accordance with section 14-255 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth). The Vendor must pay to the purchaser at settlement such part of the amount as is represented by nonmonetary consideration.

1A 4. The Purchaser must:

- (a) Engage a legal practitioner or conveyancer ("representative") to conduct all the legal aspects of settlement, including the performance of the Purchaser's obligations under the legislation and this Special Condition; an
- (b) Ensure that the representative does so.
- 1A 5. The terms of the representative's engagement are taken to include instructions to have regard to the Vendor's interests relating to the payment of the amount to the Commissioner and instructions that the representative must:
 - (a) Pay, or ensure payment of, the amount to the Commissioner in the manner required by the Commissioner and as soon as reasonably and practicably possible, from monies under the control or direction of the representative in accordance with this Special Condition on settlement of the sale of the property;
 - (b) Promptly provide the Vendor with evidence of payment, including any notification or other document provided by the Purchaser top the Commissioner relating to payment; and
 - (c) Otherwise comply, or ensure compliance, with this Special Condition. Despite:

- (d) any contrary instructions, other than from both the purchaser and the vendor;
- (e) any other provision in this contract to the contrary.
- **1A 6.** The representative is taken to have complied with the requirements of special condition 1A.5 if:
 - (a) Settlement is conducted through the electronic conveyancing system operated by Property Exchange Australia Ltd or any other electronic conveyancing system agreed by the parties; and
 - (b) The amount is included in the settlement statement requiring payment to the Commissioner in respect of this transaction.
- 1A 7. The Purchaser may at settlement give the vendor a bank cheque for the amount in accordance with section 16-30 (3) of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth), but only if:
 - (a) So agreed by the vendor in writing: and
 - (b) The settlement is not conducted through an electronic settlement system described in special condition 1A.6.
 - However, if the purchaser gives the bank cheque in accordance with this special condition 1A.7, the vendor must:
 - (c) Immediately after settlement provide the bank cheque to the Commissioner to pay the amount in relation to the supply; and
 - (d) Give the purchaser a receipt for the bank cheque which identifies the transaction and includes particulars of the bank cheque, at the same time the purchaser gives the vendor the bank cheque.
- 1A 8. The Vendor must provide the purchaser with a GST withholding notice in accordance with section 14-255 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth) at least 14 days before the due date for settlement.
- 1A 9. A party must provide the other party with such information as the other party requires to:
 - (a) Decide if an amount is required to be paid or the quantum of it, or
 - (b) Comply with the purchaser's obligation to pay the amount, In accordance with section 14-250 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth). The party providing the information warrants that it is true and correct.

1A 10. The Vendor warrants that:

- (a) At settlement, the property is not new 4residential premises or potential residential land in either case falling within the parameters of section 14-250 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth) if the vendor gives the purchaser a written notice under section 14-255 to the e3ffect that the purchaser will not be required to make a payment under section 14-250 in respect of the supply, or fails to give a written notice as required by and within the time specified in section 14-255; and
- (b) The amount described in a written notice given by the vendor to the purchaser under section 14-255 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth) is the correct amount required to be paid under section 14-250 of the legislation.

- **1A 11.** The purchaser is responsible for any penalties or interest payable to the Commissioner on account of non-payment or late payment of the amount, except to the extent that:
 - (a) The penalties or interest arise from the vendor's failure, including breach of a warranty in special condition 1A 10: or
 - (b) The purchaser's reasonable belief that the property is neither new residential premises nor potential residential land requiring the purchaser to pay an amount to the Commissioner in accordance with section 14-250 (1) of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth).

The Vendor is responsible for any penalties or interest payable to the Commissioner on account of non-payment or late payment of the amount if either exception applies.

1A 12. This special condition will not merge on settlement.

2. Director's Guarantee and Warranty:

In the event that the Purchaser is a corporate entity then the Director/s signing on behalf of the Corporate Purchaser shall execute the Contract and shall warrant that same is done lawfully in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Purchaser Company and further shall cause either the Sole Director or at least two Directors of the Purchaser Company to execute the form of Guarantee and Indemnity annexed hereto.

The following Guarantee shall be executed by each person who executed this Contract for and on behalf of the Purchaser (if not the same person) and by each Director of the Purchaser (if the Purchaser is a Corporation):

GUARANTEE and INDEMNITY

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(b)	the performance or observance of any of the a Contract;	agreements, obligations or conditions under the within
(c)	by time given to the Purchaser for any such pa	ayment performance or observance;
(d)	by reason of the Vendor assigning his, her or	their rights under the said Contract; and
(e)	by any other thing which under the law relating of releasing me/us, my/our executors or admir	to sureties would but for this provision have the effect nistrators.
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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:	197 Commercial Street, Merbein				
VENDOR'S NAME:	Brendon Ronald Poliock				
VENDOR'S SIGNATURE:	B. folk				
DATE: 4 9	2020				
PURCHASER'S NAME:					
PURCHASER'S SIGNATURE: .	***************************************				
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VENDORS STATEMENT TO THE PURCHASER OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 32 OF THE SALE OF LAND ACT ("the Act")

Vendor:

Brendon Ronald Pollock

Property:

197 Commercial Street, Merbein

Lot 5 on PS 140632 being the whole of the land in

Certificate of Title Volume 09475 Folio 725

1. Financial matters in respect of the land

Information concerning the amount of <u>Rates, Taxes, Charges and other similar outgoings</u> 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

\$1,094.19 per annum 2019/2020

2. Lower Murray Water- Urban

\$ 173.95 per quarter 2019/2020 (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:

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 ls contained in the attached certificate/s.

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*.

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; Bottled Gas
- (c) water supply:
- (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 the 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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LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 5 on Plan of Subdivision 140632. PARENT TITLE Volume 06874 Folio 609 Created by instrument LP140632 23/08/1982

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple

Sole Proprietor

BRENDON RONALD POLLOCK of RIVER AV MERBEIN 3505 T893270E 03/10/1995

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

MORTGAGE AL484144E 12/11/2014

MOVIGAGE WHACAILAGE IS/II/SOIA

BENDIGO AND ADELAIDE 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 or imaged folio set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE LP140632 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: 197 COMMERCIAL STREET MERBEIN VIC 3505

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

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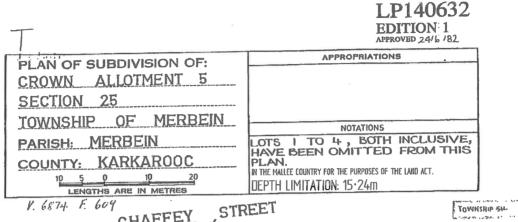
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CONSENT OF COUNCIL	SURVEYORS CERTIFICATION
1171: 20 TH May 1182	I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN HAS BEEN MADE BY DONALD ALEXANDER PEDLER AND THAT IT ACCORDS WITH TITLE AND IS MATHEMATICALLY CORRECT; IT IS NOT BASED ON SURVEY.
Will Manal	LICENSED SURVEYOR DATE - 20 MARCH 1981



Property Report from www.land.vic.gov.au on 17 January 2020 12:19 PM

Lot and Plan Number: Lot 5 LP140632

Address: 197 COMMERCIAL STREET MERBEIN 3505

Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): 5\LP140632

Local Government (Council): MILDURA Council Property Number: 21909

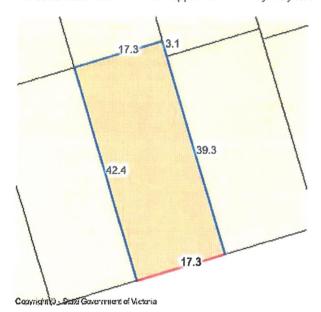
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This parcel is not in a designated bushfire prone area. No special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found in the Building Commission section of the Victorian Building Authority website www.vba.vic.gov.au

Site Dimensions

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



Area: 732 sq. m
Perimeter: 119 m

For this parcel:

Site boundaries
Road frontages

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

For more accurate dimensions get copy of plan at <u>Title and Property Certificates</u>

State Electorates

Legislative Council: NORTHERN VICTORIA

Legislative Assembly: MILDURA

Utilities

Rural Water Corporation: Lower Murray Water Urban Water Corporation: Lower Murray Water Melbourne Water: outside drainage boundary

Power Distributor: POWERCOR (Information about choosing an electricity retailer)

Planning information continued on next page



Planning Zone Summary

Planning Zone: GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (GRZ)

GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 1 (GRZ1)

Planning Overlay: None

Planning scheme data last updated on 15 January 2020.

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 Planning Schemes Online

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The Planning Property Report includes separate maps of zones and overlays

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 Planning Maps Online

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Area Map



PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT



www.mildura.vic.gov.au

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PROPERTY DETAILS

Address:

197 COMMERCIAL STREET MERBEIN 3505

Lot and Plan Number:

Lot 5 LP140632

Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI):

5\LP140632

Local Government Area (Council):

MILDURA

Council Property Number:

21909

Planning Scheme:

Mildura

planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/mildura

Directory Reference:

VicRoads 537 P10

UTILITIES

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Lower Murray Water

Urban Water Corporation: Lower Murray Water

outside drainage boundary

Melbourne Water: Power Distributor:

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STATE ELECTORATES

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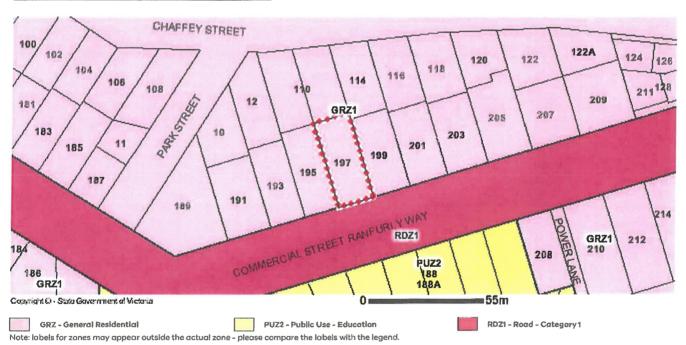
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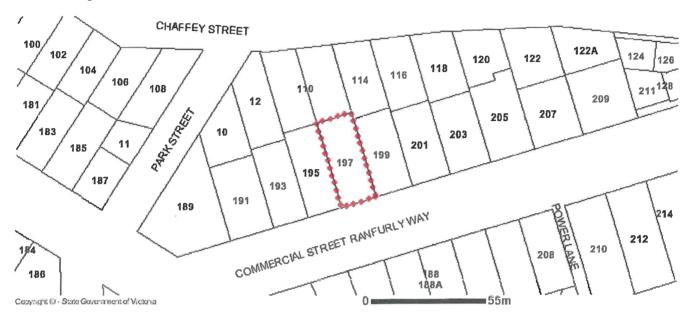


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Planning Overlay

None affecting this land



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

Further Planning Information

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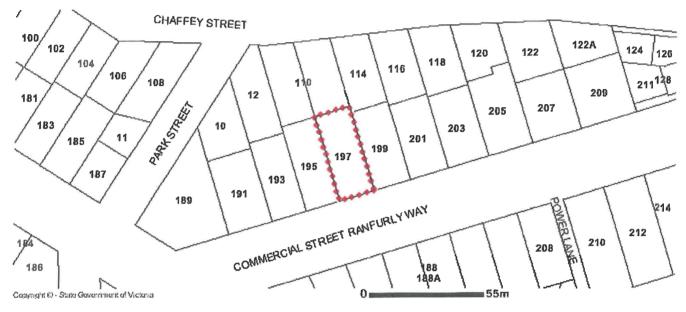
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Designated Bushfire Prone Area

This property is not in a designated bushfire prone area.

No special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.



Designated Bushfire Prone Area

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.

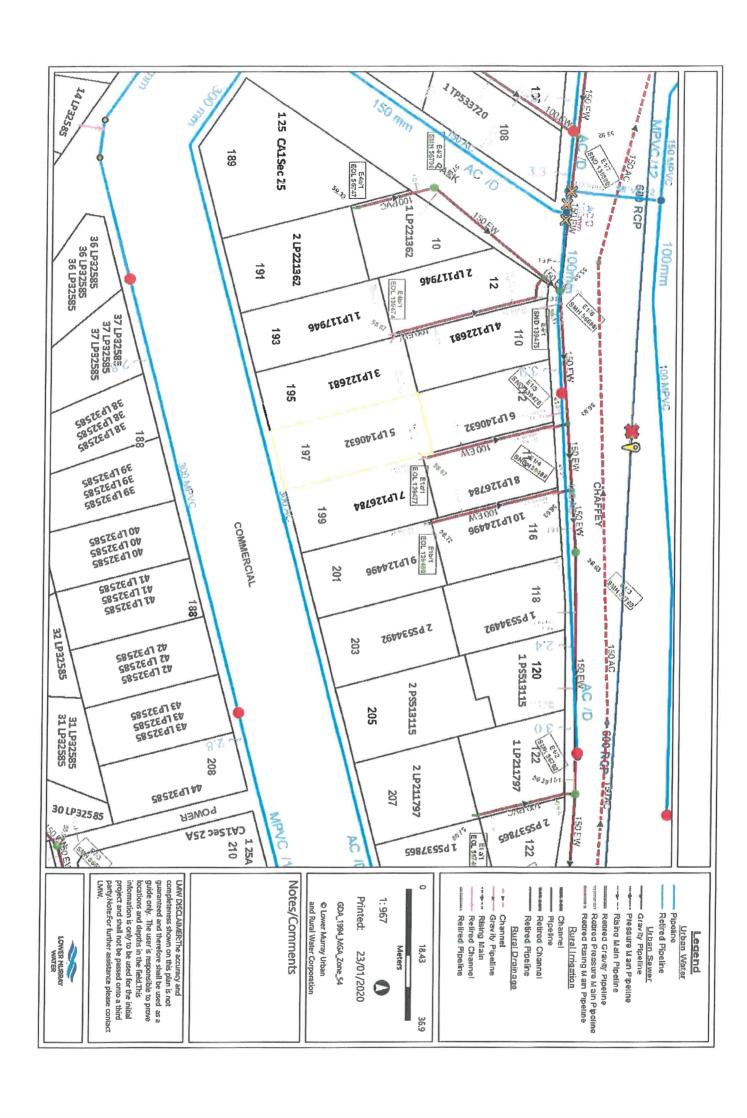
Designated bushfire prone areas maps can be viewed on VicPlan at http://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan or at the relevant local council.

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 www.vba.vic.gov.au

Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from www.legislation.vic.gov.au

For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit https://www.planning.vic.gov.au



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

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) 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 <u>Commercial and industrial noise page on the Environment Protection Authority website</u> and the <u>Odour page on the Environment Protection Authority website</u>.

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 <u>Owners Corporations section</u> and read the <u>Statement of advice</u> 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 <u>Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution page on the Department of Planning, Transport and Local Infrastructure website</u>.

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
- Glenelg 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
- <u>Building in bushfire prone areas Department of Transport, Planning and Local</u> 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 <u>new landholders</u> <u>section on the Department of Environment and Primary Industries website</u>.
- » 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 <u>New</u> landholders section on the Department of <u>Environment and Primary Industries</u> 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 <u>CeoVic page on the Department of State Development Business</u> and <u>Innovation website</u> and the <u>Information for community and landholders page on the Department of State Development Business and Innovation website</u>.

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 <u>contaminated site</u> <u>management page on the Environment Protection Authority website.</u>

For guidance on how to identify if land is potentially contaminated, see the Potentially Contaminated Land General Practice Note June 2005 on the <u>Miscellaneous practice and advisory</u> 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 <u>Property and land titles page on the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure website.</u>

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 <u>Planning Schemes Online on the Department of Planning and Community Development website.</u>

A cultural heritage management plan or cultural heritage permit may be required prior to works being undertaken on the property. <u>The Aboriginal Heritage Planning Tool on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website</u> 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 <u>Consumers section on the Victorian Building Authority website</u> 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 <u>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Planning Tool section on the Department of Premier</u> 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 <u>Owner builders page on the Victorian Building Authority website</u> and <u>Domestic building insurance page on the Victorian Building Authority website</u>.

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 <u>Caveats, covenants and easements</u> page of the Department of Transport, Planning and <u>Local Infrastructure website</u>.

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.

Government of Victoria (Consumer Affairs Victoria) 2014

http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist 5/5

Vendor: Brendon Ronald Pollock

Vendor's Section 32 Statement

Property: 197 Commercial Street, Merbein

Vendor's Conveyancer: ALLSTATE CONVEYANCING SERVICES PTY. LTD. Of 170 Eighth Street, Mildura, Vic, 3500.

Facsimile: 03 50 235653

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