
Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1958

AVOCA WATER SUPPLY CATCHMENTS

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF LAND USE

Proclaimed 19th August 1975, *Victoria Government Gazette*, No. 72 dated 27th August 1975, pursuant to Section 22(1) of the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1958* and Section 5(1)(b) of the *Land Conservation Act 1970*.

In pursuance of Section 23, sub-section (1) of the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1958*, the Soil Conservation Authority, after consultation with the Land Conservation Council, has determined the land use for all that land in the Parishes of Yehrip and Glenmona within the boundaries of the Avoca Water Supply Catchments delineated and marked on Plan No. S-220, the original of which is lodged at the Head Office of the Soil Conservation Authority. All land within this area shall be used in accordance with the particular category of land use to which the area has been assigned. The boundaries of land use categories shown on Plan No. S-221 are intended as a guide to landholders, who should consult with the Soil Conservation Authority before making any changes in land use.

The provision of each of the land use categories are set out below and should be read in conjunction with the Determination Plan:-

Category 1

Land which shall be used for the protection of watercourses, water races, and reservoirs. No further clearing, cultivation, earthworks, buildings or construction of crossings will be permitted without the specific approval of the Soil Conservation Authority. This category covers land within 100 metres of Full Supply Level at Sugarloaf and Lead Reservoirs, within 40 metres of the upper side and 10 metres of the lower side of the water races, and within 20 metres of the banks of watercourses as shown on Plan No. S-221.

Category 2

Land to be retained as forest. This land is generally suitable for hardwood timber production and low intensity recreation. Forestry and other developmental operations may be carried out only in accordance with management conditions made or approved by the Soil Conservation Authority.

Category 3

Land which may be used for grazing purposes. Cultivation for pasture establishment and maintenance will be permitted subject to provisions approved by the Soil Conservation Authority. Conditions may be imposed from time to time to regulate stock numbers on the land.

General Provisions applying to all Categories

- 1. Prior Soil Conservation Authority approval is required before clearing of timber on freehold land. Approval is also required before any earthworks, including roadworks, are carried out within the catchments. Where necessary the Authority may require the improvement of existing roads, tracks and stream crossings.
- 2. Land in the catchments is generally unsuitable for intensive animal enterprises, and should be used only for the low-intensity uses categorized above.
- 3. Written approval of the Authority is required for residential development within the catchment. Such approval will be given only when the Authority is satisfied that the provisions for erosion prevention, effluent disposal and for treatment of the water supply are adequate.
- 4. Conditions may be made from time to time for the purpose of regulating the use of vehicles in the catchments.

