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Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1958

LAKE MERRIMU WATER SUPPLY CATCHMENT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF LAND-USE

Proclaimed 31st August, 1965, *Victoria Government Gazette* No. 72, dated 8th September, 1965, pursuant to section 22 of the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act* 1958 (No. 6372).

In pursuance of the provisions of section 23, sub-section (1), of the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act* 1958 (No. 6372), the Soil Conservation Authority has determined land-use for all that area of land within the Parishes of Merrimu, Coimadai, Bullengarook and Gisborne within the boundaries of the Lake Merrimu Water Supply Catchment delineated and marked on plan no. 1849, 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 provisions of the particular category of land-use to which each area has been assigned. The boundaries of land-use areas sown on plan no. 1849 are intended as a guide to landholders, who should consult with the Soil Conservation Authority before making any changes in land-use.

The provisions of each of the land-use categories is set out hereunder:-

Category No. 1

Land which shall be use for permanent forest where forestry operations shall be carried out only in accordance with management conditions made or approved by the Soil Conservation Authority. No tree shall be removed and no soil shall be disturbed within a minimum distance of 1 chain from the banks of all streams and watercourses without the specific approval of the Authority. The building of residences, construction of roads or further subdivisions are subject to approval of the Soil Conservation Authority. There shall be no grazing within this category.

Category No. 2

Land which shall be used for grazing or forestry purposes subject to conditions made or approved by the Authority, such conditions to include:-

- A. The specification of areas suitable for clearing and those which are to remain under forest.
- B. The application of management and conservation practices where necessary.

Category No. 3

Land suitable for grazing or cultivation subject to conditions made by the Authority for particular circumstances such conditions to include the specification of length of rotation and conservation practices where necessary.

Category No. 4

Land suitable for cropping or for residential or other development purposes as required subject to conditions imposed by the Soil Conservation Authority for particular circumstances and subject to the provisions of other relevant Acts.

Category No. 5

Land within a minimum distance of 5 chains of full supply level of Lake Merrimu, which shall be used primarily for waterfront protection purposes where:-

A. No cropping shall be practised.

- B. Cultivation may be approved only for pasture improvement or weed and vermin control purposes and,
- C. The erection of buildings, construction of roads, removal of trees or any other changes in land-use including subdivision shall be subject to Soil Conservation Authority approval.

Category No. 6

Land which shall be used for the protection of streams and watercourses where:-

- 1. No cropping shall be practised.
- 2. Cultivation may be approved only for specific pasture improvement or week and vermin control purposes.
- 3. No tree shall be removed without the authority of the Soil Conservation Authority.

Areas to be used in accordance with these provisions have been assigned to:-

water courses.

Category 6A	Land, within a minimum distance of half a chain from the banks of streams
	and water courses; and,
Category 6B	Land, within a minim distance of 1 chain from the banks of streams and

Category No. 7

- 7A Land used or reserved for roads or other public purposes on which any changes in land-use shall be made only after consultation with the Soil Conservation Authority.
- 7B. Land reserved for roads or other public purposes on which any changes in land-use shall be made only with the approval of the Soil Conservation Authority.

