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WATER BODIES AND WETLANDS

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VC148**River corridors, waterways, lakes and wetlands****Objective**

To protect and enhance river corridors, waterways, lakes and wetlands.

Strategies

Protect the environmental, cultural and landscape values of all water bodies and wetlands.

Ensure development responds to and respects the significant environmental, conservation, cultural, aesthetic, open space, recreation and tourism assets of water bodies and wetlands.

Ensure development is sensitively designed and sited to maintain and enhance environmental assets, significant views and landscapes along river corridors and waterways and adjacent to lakes and wetlands.

Ensure development does not compromise bank stability, increase erosion or impact on a water body or wetland's natural capacity to manage flood flow.

Protect the Yarra, Maribyrnong and Murray River corridors as significant economic, environmental and cultural assets.

Facilitate growth in established settlements where water and wastewater can be managed.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Maribyrnong River – Vision for Recreational and Tourism Development* (Melbourne Parks and Waterways, 1996)
- *Maribyrnong River Valley Design Guidelines* (Department of Planning and Community Development, 2010)
- *Melbourne Water's Guidelines for Approval of Jetties* (Melbourne Water, 2011)
- *Healthy Waterways Strategy* (Melbourne Water, 2013)

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VC197**Yarra River protection****Objective**

To maintain and enhance the natural landscape character of the Yarra River corridor.

Strategies

Strengthen the Yarra River's natural environment, heritage and overall health by:

- Protecting, conserving and enhancing areas of Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural and archaeological significance.
- Protecting the river's riparian vegetation, natural riverbank topography and flood management capacity.
- Ensuring development does not increase the rate or quantity of stormwater, sediment or other pollutants entering the river.
- Protecting and enhancing both terrestrial and aquatic habitats and their linkages along the river corridor.

Promote a sense of place and landscape identity by:

- Retaining a dominant and consistent tree canopy along the river corridor and in its broader landscape setting.
- Ensuring that the appearance of development is subordinate to the local landscape setting, with any views of development being filtered through vegetation.

Retain and enhance people's enjoyment of the river and its environment by:

- Planning for the river and its environs as a recreation and tourism resource.
- Ensuring linkages and public access to the river and its parklands are maintained, enhanced and new links created where appropriate.
- Avoiding overshadowing of the river, its banks and adjacent public open space to ensure that the amenity of the public realm is maintained year-round.

Ensure that development is designed and sited to maintain and enhance the river's secluded and natural environment by:

- Minimising the visual intrusion of development when viewed from major roads, bridge crossings, public open space, recreation trails and the river itself.
- Ensuring that the siting and design of buildings avoids conflicting with the local natural landscape and environmental character.
- Ensuring building height is below the natural tree canopy and all development is set back a minimum of 30 metres from the banks of the river.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Middle Yarra River Corridor Study - Recommendations Report* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2016)
- *Lower Yarra River Corridor Study - Recommendations Report* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2016)

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River corridors, waterways, lakes and wetlands - Brimbank**Strategies**

Design development to respond to the landscape qualities along and adjacent to escarpments, ridgelines and waterways through building materials of muted colours and use of local landscape materials such as natural rocks, timber and native plantings.

Ensure any fencing abutting escarpments and ridgelines is visually transparent.

Ensure the height of new buildings respect the natural features of the Brimbank length of the Maribyrnong River valley and surrounding natural environment.

Ensure buildings, particularly their height and materials, complements the natural environment of the Maribyrnong River valley and the Kororoit Creek waterway.

Encourage planting of native vegetation on land adjacent to river corridors and waterways.

Ensure development adjoining constructed waterways such as Stony Creek and Jones Creek help facilitate their natural re-instatement.

Ensure development does not result in fragmentation of river corridors and waterways.

Set back development along escarpment and ridgelines to accommodate landscaping that minimises the visual impacts of development.

Encourage development or subdivision along escarpment and ridgelines to front onto open space along the riparian corridor.

Discourage the construction of impervious areas adjacent to escarpment and ridgelines.

Design development to respond to the natural topography of the land and minimises cut and fill.

Position building mass away from any boundary abutting an escarpment or ridgeline.

Encourage the delivery of linear trails along river corridors and waterways.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Kororoit Creek Regional Strategy 2005 - 2030* (Department of Sustainability, 2006)
- *Brimbank Green Wedge Management Plan* (Brimbank City Council, 2010)
- *Brimbank Habitat Connectivity Plan 2018 - 2023* (Brimbank City Council, 2018)