

PLANNING PERMIT

Permit No.:	PA2503616
Planning scheme:	Moyne Planning Scheme
Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning
ADDRESS OF THE LAND:	Railway Road Reserve, Woolsthorpe

THE PERMIT ALLOWS:

Planning scheme clause	Matter for which the permit has been granted
52.17	Remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, including native vegetation

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS PERMIT:

Compliance with documents approved under this permit

1. At all times what the permit allows must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of any document approved under this permit to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Commencement

2. This permit will operate from the issued date of this permit.

Vegetation removal limited to extent shown on endorsed plans

3. The extent of native vegetation to be removed must be limited to the extent shown on the plans endorsed under this permit titled "Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Distribution Line Project – Native Vegetation Removal - Construction Plans" prepared by CitiPower/Powercor Australia dated 24 March 2025 and "Woolsthorpe Wind Farm – Ecological Assessment" prepared by EcoAerial dated 6 March 2025.
4. Any plan or document endorsed in accordance with a condition of this permit must not be altered or modified without the written consent of the responsible authority.

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NATIVE VEGETATION

NOTIFICATION OF PERMIT CONDITIONS

3. Before the works starts, the permit holder must advise all persons undertaking the vegetation removal or works on site of all relevant permit conditions and associated statutory requirements or approvals.

NATIVE VEGETATION OFFSETS

4. To offset the removal of 0.416 hectares of native vegetation, the permit holder must secure a native vegetation offset in accordance with the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* (DELWP 2017), as specified below:
 - a. A general offset of 0.116 general habitat units, meeting the following criteria:
 - i. Located within the Glenelg Hopkins Management Authority (CMA) or Moyne Shire Council municipal area.
 - ii. With a minimum strategic biodiversity score of at least 0.32.

OFFSET EVIDENCE

5. Before any native vegetation is removed, evidence that the offsets required by this permit have been secured must be provided to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. This evidence must be one or both of the following:
 - a. An established first party offset site including a security agreement signed by both parties, and a management plan detailed the 10-year management actions and ongoing management of the site, and/or
 - b. Credit extract(s) allocated to the permit from the Native Vegetation Credit Register.
6. A copy of the offset evidence will be endorsed by the responsible authority and form part of this permit. Within 30 days of endorsement of the offset evidence by the responsible authority, a copy of the endorsed offset evidence must be provided to Planning, Environment and Approvals at PEA.energyproject@deeca.vic.gov.au.

OFFSET RECONCILIATION

7. Within six months of the conclusion of the permitted clearing of native vegetation under this permit, the offset requirements can be reconciled with the written agreement of the responsible authority and the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

PROTECTION OF RETAINED VEGETATION

8. Except with the written consent of the responsible authority, within the area of native vegetation to be retained and any tree or vegetation protection zone associated with the permitted use and/or development, the following is prohibited:
 - a. Vehicular or pedestrian access.
 - b. Trenching or soil excavation.

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- c. Storage or dumping of any soils, materials, equipment, vehicles, machinery, or waste products.
- d. Entry and exit pits for the provision of underground services.
- e. Any other actions or activities that may result in adverse impacts to retained native vegetation.

Construction Environment Management Plan

9. Before any native vegetation removal begins, a construction environment management plan, for the area where the native vegetation removal is to take place, must be prepared in consultation with Moyne Shire Council and to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The plan must be submitted and approved by the responsible authority. When approved, the plan will be endorsed and form part of this permit.

The plan must include:

- a. Weed management during construction;
- b. Retention of natural drainage lines and reinstatement of the road reserve post construction;
- c. Flora and fauna management measures, including tree protection measures to be implemented during construction;
- d. Methods associated with the installation of the poles; and
- e. Proposed vehicle access within the road reserve during construction and any mitigation measures associated with vehicles accessing road reserves due to the impact this may have on native vegetation and grasses.

Permit Expiry

1. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
- a. The development has not commenced within two years of the date of this permit.
 - b. The development is not completed within four years of the date of this permit.

The Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires; or

- Within six (6) months after the permit expires where the development has not yet started; or
- Within twelve (12) months after the permit expires, where the development allowed by the permit has lawfully commenced before the permit expiry.

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USEFUL INFORMATION:

- The permitted use or development may need to comply with, or obtain the following further approvals:
 - The recommendations of a cultural heritage management plan approved under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.
 - A building permit under the *Building Act 1993*.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PERMIT

WHAT HAS BEEN DECIDED?

The responsible authority has issued a permit.

(Note: This is not a permit granted under Division 5 or 6 of Part 4 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**.)

CAN THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY AMEND THIS PERMIT?

The responsible authority may amend this permit under Division 1A of Part 4 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**.

WHEN DOES A PERMIT BEGIN?

A permit operates:

- from the date specified in the permit; or
- if no date is specified, from—
 - i. the date of the decision of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, if the permit was issued at the direction of the Tribunal; or
 - ii. the date on which it was issued, in any other case.

WHEN DOES A PERMIT EXPIRE?

1. A permit for the development of land expires if—
 - the development or any stage of it does not start within the time specified in the permit; or
 - the development requires the certification of a plan of subdivision or consolidation under the **Subdivision Act 1988** and the plan is not certified within two years of the issue of the permit, unless the permit contains a different provision; or
 - the development or any stage is not completed within the time specified in the permit, or, if no time is specified, within two years after the issue of the permit or in the case of a subdivision or consolidation, within five years of the certification of the plan of subdivision or consolidation under the **Subdivision Act 1988**.
2. A permit for the use of land expires if—
 - the use does not start within the time specified in the permit, or if no time is specified, within two years after the issue of the permit; or
 - the use is discontinued for a period of two years.
3. A permit for the development and use of land expires if—
 - the development or any stage of it does not start within the time specified in the permit; or
 - the development or any stage of it is not completed within the time specified in the permit, or, if no time is specified, within two years after the issue of the permit; or
 - the use does not start within the time specified in the permit, or, if no time is specified, within two years after the completion of the development; or
 - the use is discontinued for a period of two years.
4. If a permit for the use of land or the development and use of land or relating to any of the circumstances mentioned in section 6A(2) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**, or to any combination of use, development or any of those circumstances requires the certification of a plan under the **Subdivision Act 1988**, unless the permit contains a different provision—
 - the use or development of any stage is to be taken to have started when the plan is certified; and
 - the permit expires if the plan is not certified within two years of the issue of the permit.
5. The expiry of a permit does not affect the validity of anything done under that permit before the expiry.

WHAT ABOUT REVIEWS?

- The person who applied for the permit may apply for a review of any condition in the permit unless it was granted at the direction of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, in which case no right of review exists.
- An application for review must be lodged within 60 days after the permit was issued, unless a notice of decision to grant a permit has been issued previously, in which case the application for review must be lodged within 60 days after the giving of that notice.
- An application for review is lodged with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- An application for review must be made on the relevant form which can be obtained from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and be accompanied by the applicable fee.
- An application for review must state the grounds upon which it is based.
- A copy of an application for review must also be served on the responsible authority.
- Details about applications for review and the fees payable can be obtained from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

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