

Stormwater Map for Land Development

Why has Council prepared a stormwater map?

Climate change and more frequent, large storms led us to consider where stormwater flows across the land. During these storms, the water flows along streets and land until it reaches a creek.

We want to help landowners, so their new buildings and structures are away from where stormwater flows over land. To do this we've prepared a stormwater map.

What is the stormwater map?

The map shows land that is expected to experience stormwater runoff from a 1 in 100 year storm. The map considers past storms, land conditions, buildings, roads, drainage pipes, and other infrastructure.

The map also helps us to identify places where stormwater drainage improvements can happen.

How was the map prepared?

Expert drainage engineers have prepared the map. They used drainage information, images, rainfall data, and the latest technology to replicate the 1 in 100 year storm. National engineering guidelines and technical specifications informed how this was done.

A 1 in 100 year storm has a one percent chance of happening in any year. Such a storm can happen more often than one time in 100 years.

Find out more

Our website gives more information. This includes the stormwater map and a questions and answers page.

Type the following address into your web browser. We recommend using a laptop or desktop computer.



conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/stormwater

You can ask us a question on the website. Alternatively, email us at:



strategicplanning@merri-bek.vic.gov.au

If you want to report a blocked or broken drain, contact Customer Service on 9240 1111.

Go to our Conversations Merri-bek webpage to find out more.
conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/stormwatermaps

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When will the map be used?

The map is used when landowners want to develop their land.

The Victorian Government has a planning tool called the Special Building Overlay for councils and Melbourne Water to include stormwater maps in planning schemes.

Having a Special Building Overlay means the landowner can plan their development proposal with stormwater information.

We have also used the maps to identify where future drainage improvements can happen.

Why are you contacting me about this?

The map affects your land. We invite you to look at the map and ask us questions.

In the future, we intend to include the stormwater map in the Merri-bek Planning Scheme with a Special Building Overlay.

Have similar maps been done elsewhere?

Yes, we have maps that show Melbourne Water stormwater areas. Other councils across Victoria also have stormwater maps and have put them in their planning schemes.

What happens next?

We would like to invite you to ask questions about the updated map. We will consider all questions and summarise what people have said to us in a report which will be made available to the community in the future.

After the question period, we will start the process to have the map declared for use by building surveyors.

We will then consider asking the Victorian Government to begin a process for putting the map into the planning scheme. We will contact you again when this happens.

Want to talk in-person?

Have questions you would like to discuss with a council officer? Book a time to talk to us at one of our three information sessions.

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You can also email or call us to arrange an appointment:



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Want more information?

Visit our website, conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/stormwater, where we have prepared answers to many common questions, have factsheets, reports, and more. You can also view the stormwater maps. We recommend using a desktop or a laptop computer to view the website. You can access the web at one of our libraries if you do not have one.

If you want to talk face-to-face, visit our website, email, or phone to book a time to talk to us.

If the answer to your question is not on our website, contact the Strategic Planning Unit. Our email is strategicplanning@merri-bek.vic.gov.au. Do this before Friday, 20 October 2023.

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