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The Minister for Planning, Justin Madden, MLC recently approved an amendment to the *Victoria Planning Provisions*, introducing the *Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay*.

The *Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay* replaces and updates the existing *Airport Environs Overlay*, first introduced in 1992.

What is the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay?

The *Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay* is a set of planning rules, or controls, designed to help state and local government plan for the environmental effects of aircraft noise associated with Melbourne Airport.

Why has it been updated?

The existing overlay (the *Airport Environs Overlay*) has been updated in line with the Federal Government's requirement for a five-yearly review of the *Melbourne Airport Master Plan*, to reassess the noise impacts of aircraft forecast to be using the airport over the next 50 years.

The Victorian Parliament approved the *Melbourne Airport Environs Strategy Plan 2003*. This required the introduction of the *Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay* through a ministerial amendment to relevant planning schemes.

Where does the Overlay apply?

This amendment updates and replaces the existing planning controls, known as the *Airport Environs Overlay*, covering parts of the municipalities of Brimbank, Hume, Melton, Moonee Valley and Whittlesea.

How can I find out if this affects me?

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) has written to all owners/occupiers affected by the overlay for the first time, or where the noise forecasts have increased.

You can check the overlays that apply to your property online at: www.land.vic.gov.au/airportoverlay, request a Planning Certificate from DSE or enquire at the office of the relevant Council Planning Department.

IMPORTANT: these controls will only affect you if you're applying for a planning permit from your local council to use or develop your property or land.

The new overlay includes provisions which will give people 12 months to act on existing building permits or to finalise existing planning permit applications.

If you are applying for a planning permit after the controls come into operation, you will need to speak to your council about the requirements of the overlay affecting your property or land.

If I am applying for a planning permit, what do I need to know?

There are two schedules of controls under the *Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay* which may affect you.

- **The first type (*Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay – Schedule 1 or MAEO1*)** applies in areas where higher levels of noise are forecast. As a result, a permit is required for a new dwelling and some 'sensitive' uses (such as a child care centre) of the land are prohibited in these areas. New subdivision for residential purposes is also prohibited.
- **The second type of control (*Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay – Schedule 2 or MAEO2*)** limits residential and sensitive uses, but allows some dwellings and the subdivision of land. However, in this case, land for residential purposes cannot be subdivided into lots with an average area less than 300sqm.

What will I have to do?

All proposals for new dwellings (and some other types of buildings) will be required to be assessed against *Australian Standard AS 2021–2000* which provides guidance on the siting and construction of buildings to minimise aircraft noise intrusion.

Noise reduction can be achieved through the use of thicker building materials, roof insulation, double-glazing or other measures.

Existing dwellings in these areas can continue to be used without change under the provisions of the planning scheme.