

Vendor Statement

The vendor makes this statement in respect of the land in accordance with section 32 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*.

This statement must be signed by the vendor and given to the purchaser before the purchaser signs the contract.

The vendor may sign by electronic signature.

The purchaser acknowledges being given this statement signed by the vendor with the attached documents before the purchaser signed any contract.

Land

6A Spring Gully Road, Quarry Hill VIC 3550

Vendor's name

Bruce Norman Carboon

Date

18 / 7 / 2021

Vendor's
signature



Purchaser's
name

Date

/ /

Purchaser's
signature

Purchaser's
name

Date

/ /

Purchaser's
signature

1. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.1 Particulars of any Rates, Taxes, Charges or Other Similar Outgoings (and any interest on them)

(a) Their total does not exceed:

\$4,000.00

(b) There are NO amounts for which the purchaser may become liable as a consequence of the sale of which the vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge, which are not included in the items above; other than any amounts described in this rectangular box.

The usual apportionment of outgoings between the parties at settlement.

1.2 Particulars of any Charge (whether registered or not) imposed by or under any Act to secure an amount due under that Act, including the amount owing under the charge.

Not applicable

1.3 Terms Contract

This section 1.3 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a terms contract where the purchaser is obliged to make 2 or more payments (other than a deposit or final payment) to the vendor after the execution of the contract and before the purchaser is entitled to a conveyance or transfer of the land.

Not Applicable.

1.4 Sale Subject to Mortgage

This section 1.4 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which provides that any mortgage (whether registered or unregistered), is NOT to be discharged before the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipts of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

2. INSURANCE

2.1 Damage and Destruction

This section 2.1 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which does NOT provide for the land to remain at the risk of the vendor until the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipt of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

2.2 Owner Builder

This section 2.2 only applies where there is a residence on the land that was constructed by an owner-builder within the preceding 6 years and section 137B of *the Building Act 1993* applies to the residence.

Not Applicable.

3. LAND USE

3.1 Easements, Covenants or Other Similar Restrictions

(a) A description of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction affecting the land (whether registered or unregistered): -

Is in the attached copies of title documents.

(b) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with that easement, covenant or other similar restriction are:

To the best of the Vendor's knowledge there is no existing failure to comply with the terms of any easements, covenant or other similar restriction.

3.2 Road Access

There is NO access to the property by road if the square box is marked with an 'X'

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3.3 Designated Bushfire Prone Area

The land is in a designated bushfire prone area under section 192A of the *Building Act* 1993 if the square box is marked with an 'X' ☒

3.4 Planning Scheme

Attached is a certificate with the required specified information.

4. NOTICES

4.1 Notice, Order, Declaration, Report or Recommendation

Particulars of any notice, order, declaration, report or recommendation of a public authority or government department or approved proposal directly and currently affecting the land, being a notice, order, declaration, report, recommendation or approved proposal of which the vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge:

Not Applicable.

4.2 Agricultural Chemicals

There are NO notices, property management plans, reports or orders in respect of the land issued by a government department or public authority in relation to livestock disease or contamination by agricultural chemicals affecting the ongoing use of the land for agricultural purposes. However, if this is not the case, the details of any such notices, property management plans, reports or orders, are as follows:

Nil

4.3 Compulsory Acquisition

The particulars of any notices of intention to acquire that have been served under section 6 of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act* 1986 are as follows:

Nil

5. BUILDING PERMITS

Particulars of any building permit issued under the *Building Act* 1993 in the preceding 7 years (required only where there is a residence on the land):

Not Applicable.

6. OWNERS CORPORATION

This section 6 only applies if the land is affected by an owners corporation within the meaning of the *Owners Corporations Act* 2006.

Not Applicable.

7. GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION ("GAIC")

Not applicable.

8. SERVICES

The services which are marked with an 'X' in the accompanying square box are NOT connected to the land:

Electricity supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Gas supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Water supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Sewerage <input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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9. TITLE

Attached are copies of the following documents:

9.1 (a) Registered Title

A Register Search Statement and the document, or part of a document, referred to as the 'diagram location' in that statement which identifies the land and its location.

10. SUBDIVISION

10.1 Unregistered Subdivision

This section 10.1 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision which is not registered.

Not Applicable.

10.2 Staged Subdivision

This section 10.2 only applies if the land is part of a staged subdivision within the meaning of section 37 of the *Subdivision Act 1988*.

Not Applicable.

10.3 Further Plan of Subdivision

This section 10.3 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision in respect of which a further plan within the meaning of the *Subdivision Act 1988* is proposed.

Not Applicable.

11. DISCLOSURE OF ENERGY INFORMATION

(Disclosure of this information is not required under section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 but may be included in this vendor statement for convenience.)

Details of any energy efficiency information required to be disclosed regarding a disclosure affected building or disclosure area affected area of a building as defined by the *Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Act 2010* (Cth)

- (a) to be a building or part of a building used or capable of being used as an office for administrative, clerical, professional or similar based activities including any support facilities; and
- (b) which has a net lettable area of at least 1000m²; (but does not include a building under a strata title system or if an occupancy permit was issued less than 2 years before the relevant date):

Not Applicable.

12. DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

(The Sale of Land Act 1962 provides that the vendor or the vendor's licensed estate agent must make a prescribed due diligence checklist available to purchasers before offering land for sale that is vacant residential land or land on which there is a residence. The due diligence checklist is NOT required to be provided with, or attached to, this vendor statement but the checklist may be attached as a matter of convenience.)

- ☒ Vacant Residential Land or Land with a Residence
- ☒ Attach Due Diligence Checklist (this will be attached if ticked)

13. ATTACHMENTS

(Any certificates, documents and other attachments may be annexed to this section 13)

(Additional information may be added to this section 13 where there is insufficient space in any of the earlier sections)

(Attached is an "Additional Vendor Statement" if section 1.3 (Terms Contract) or section 1.4 (Sale Subject to Mortgage) applies)

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**REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of
Land Act 1958**

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Crown Allotment 159 Section H at Bendigo Parish of Sandhurst.
PARENT TITLE Volume 01613 Folio 498
Created by instrument L289867C 03/10/1984

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple
Sole Proprietor
BRUCE NORMAN CARBOON of 12 RAYMOND AVENUE FLORA HILL
L289867C 03/10/1984

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

For details of any other encumbrances see the plan or imaged folio set out
under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE TP695192U FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 125 DAYS

NIL

-----END OF REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT-----

Additional information: (not part of the Register Search Statement)

Street Address: 6A SPRING GULLY ROAD QUARRY HILL VIC 3550

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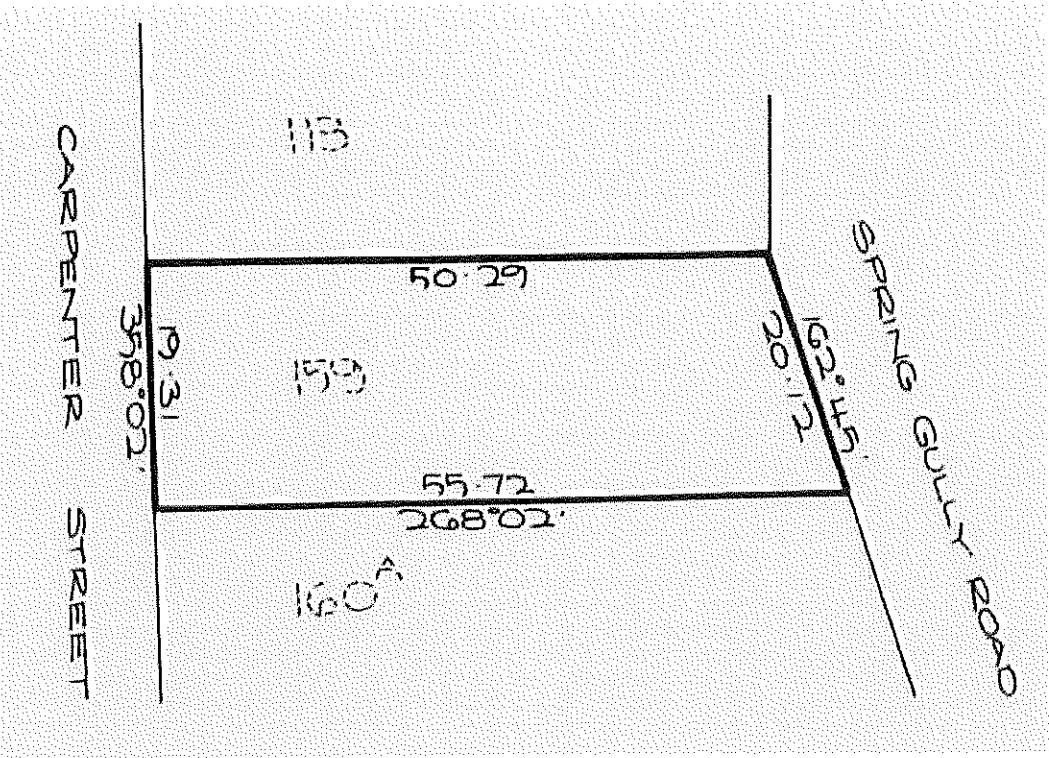
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TITLE PLAN		EDITION 1	TP 695192U
<p>Location of Land</p> <p>Parish: CITY OF BENDIGO PARISH OF SANDHURST</p> <p>Township:</p> <p>Section: H</p> <p>Crown Allotment: 159</p> <p>Crown Portion:</p> <p>Last Plan Reference:</p> <p>Derived From: VOL 3164 FOL 799</p> <p>Depth Limitation: NIL</p>		<p>Notations</p> <p>ANY REFERENCE TO MAP IN THE TEXT MEANS THE DIAGRAM SHOWN ON THIS TITLE PLAN</p>	
<p>Description of Land / Easement Information</p>		<p>THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE LAND REGISTRY, LAND VICTORIA, FOR TITLE DIAGRAM PURPOSES AS PART OF THE LAND TITLES AUTOMATION PROJECT</p> <p>COMPILED: 21/11/2000</p> <p>VERIFIED: GB</p>	
			
<p>LENGTHS ARE IN METRES</p>		<p>Metres = 0.3048 x Feet</p> <p>Metres = 0.201168 x Links</p>	<p>Sheet 1 of 1 sheets</p>

PLANNING CERTIFICATE

Official certificate issued under Section 199 Planning & Environment Act 1987
and the Planning and Environment Regulations 2005

CERTIFICATE REFERENCE NUMBER

759656

APPLICANT'S NAME & ADDRESS

PAULINE MADDEN CONVEYANCING & LEGAL C/-
INFOTRACK C/- LANDATA
MELBOURNE

VENDOR

CARBOON, BRUCE NORMAN

PURCHASER

N/A, N/A

REFERENCE

61271

This certificate is issued for:

LAND CONTAINED IN VOLUME: 3164 FOLIO: 799 CROWN ALLOTMENT 159 SECTION H TOWNSHIP OF BENDIGO,
AT (SANDHURST) PARISH OF SANDHURST ALSO KNOWN AS 6A SPRING GULLY ROAD QUARRY HILL
GREATER BENDIGO CITY

The land is covered by the:

GREATER BENDIGO PLANNING SCHEME

The Minister for Planning is the responsible authority issuing the Certificate.

The land:

- is included in a GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE
- and abuts a ROAD ZONE CATEGORY 2

A detailed definition of the applicable Planning Scheme is available at :
(<http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/schemes/greaterbendigo>)

Historic buildings and land protected under the Heritage Act 1995 are recorded in the Victorian
Heritage Register at:
(<http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/>)

06 July 2021

Hon. Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning

Additional site-specific controls may apply.
The Planning Scheme Ordinance should be
checked carefully.

The above information includes all
amendments to planning scheme maps
placed on public exhibition up to the date
of issue of this certificate and which are
still the subject of active consideration

Copies of Planning Schemes and
Amendments can be inspected at the
relevant municipal offices.

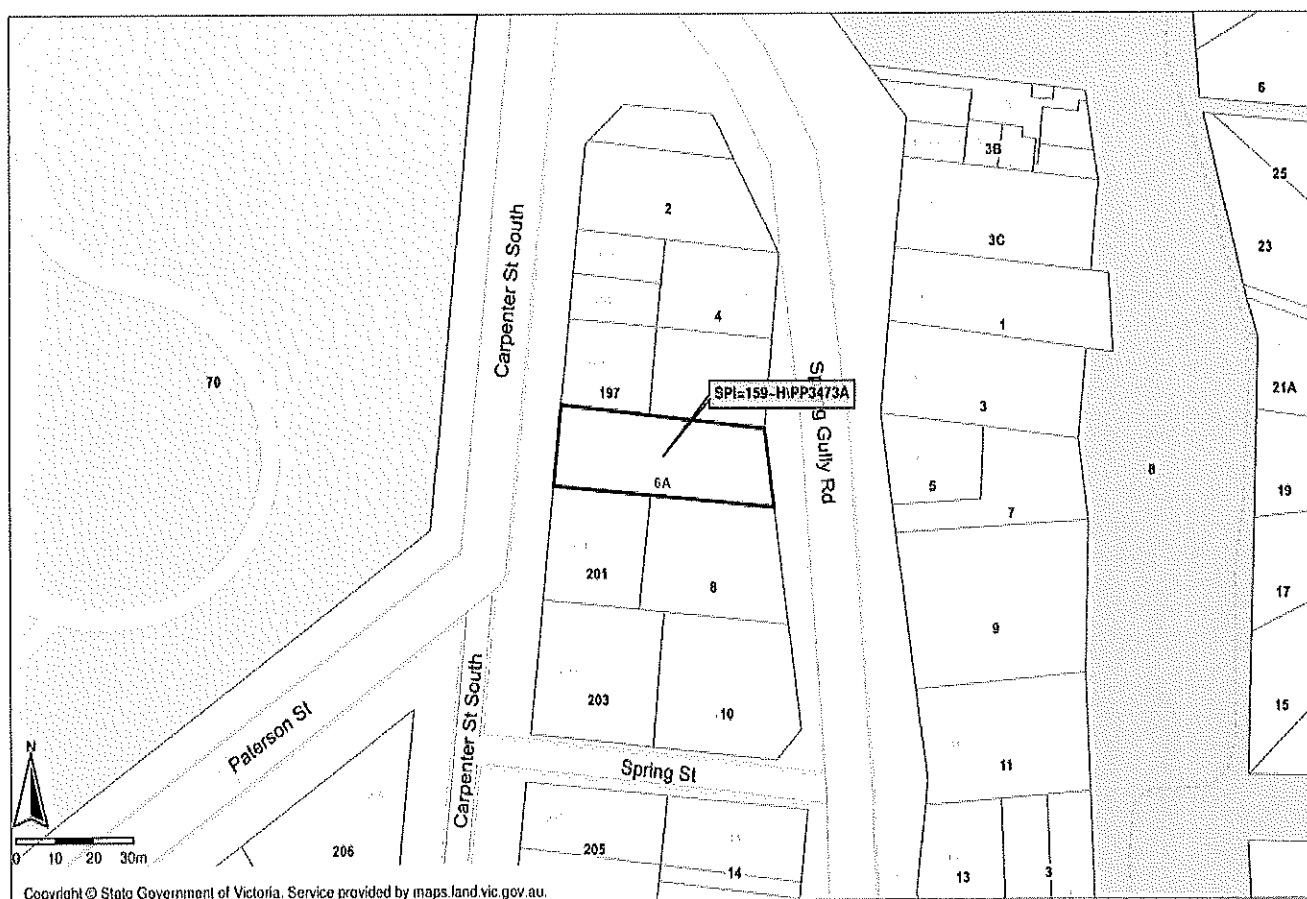
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Melbourne VIC 3000
Tel: (03) 9194 0606

The attached certificate is issued by the Minister for Planning of the State of Victoria and is protected by statute.

The document has been issued based on the property information you provided. You should check the map below - it highlights the property identified from your information.

If this property is different to the one expected, you can phone (03) 9194 0606 or email landata.enquiries@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Please note: The map is for reference purposes only and does not form part of the certificate.



Choose the authoritative Planning Certificate

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Order online before 4pm to receive your authoritative Planning Certificate the same day, in most cases within the hour.
Next business day delivery, if further information is required from you.

Privacy Statement

The information obtained from the applicant and used to produce this certificate was collected solely for the purpose of producing this certificate. The personal information on the certificate has been provided by the applicant and has not been verified by LANDATA®. The property information on the certificate has been verified by LANDATA®. The zoning information on the certificate is protected by statute. The information on the certificate will be retained by LANDATA® for auditing purposes and will not be released to any third party except as required by law.

PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT

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PROPERTY DETAILS

Address: **6A SPRING GULLY ROAD QUARRY HILL 3550**
Crown Description: **Allot. 159 Sec. H AT BENDIGO, PARISH OF SANDHURST**
Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): **159~H\PP3473A**
Local Government Area (Council): **GREATER BENDIGO**
Council Property Number: **190342**
Planning Scheme: **Greater Bendigo**
Directory Reference: **Vicroads 607 T11**

www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

[Planning Scheme - Greater Bendigo](#)

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation: **Goulburn-Murray Water**
Urban Water Corporation: **Coliban Water**
Melbourne Water: **Outside drainage boundary**
Power Distributor: **POWERCOR**

STATE ELECTORATES

Legislative Council: **NORTHERN VICTORIA**
Legislative Assembly: **BENDIGO EAST**

OTHER

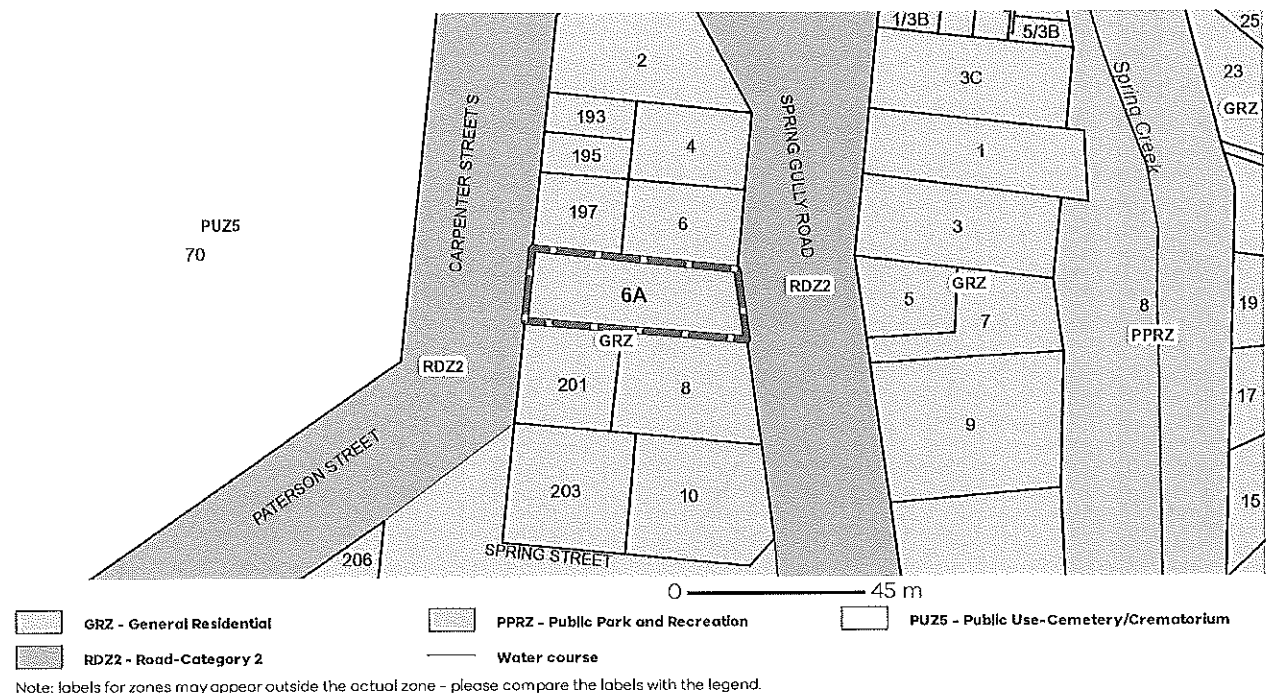
Registered Aboriginal Party: **Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation**

[View location in VicPlan](#)

Planning Zones

[GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE \(GRZ\)](#)

[SCHEDULE TO THE GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE \(GRZ\)](#)



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Notwithstanding this disclaimer, a vendor may rely on the information in this report for the purpose of a statement that land is in a bushfire prone area as required by section 32C (b) of the Sale of Land 1962 (Vic).

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Planning Overlay

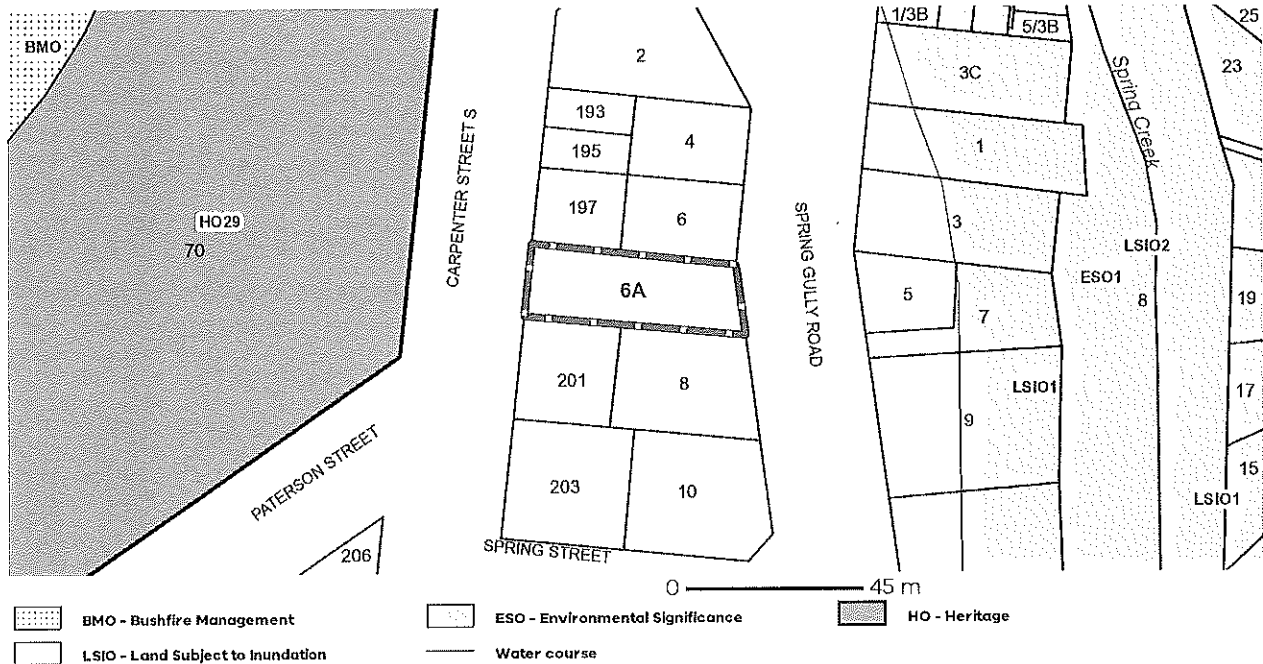
None affecting this land - there are overlays in the vicinity

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY (BMO)

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY (ESO)

HERITAGE OVERLAY (HO)

LAND SUBJECT TO INUNDATION OVERLAY (LSIO)



Areas of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity

All or part of this property is an 'area of cultural heritage sensitivity'.

'Areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' are defined under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, and include registered Aboriginal cultural heritage places and land form types that are generally regarded as more likely to contain Aboriginal cultural heritage.

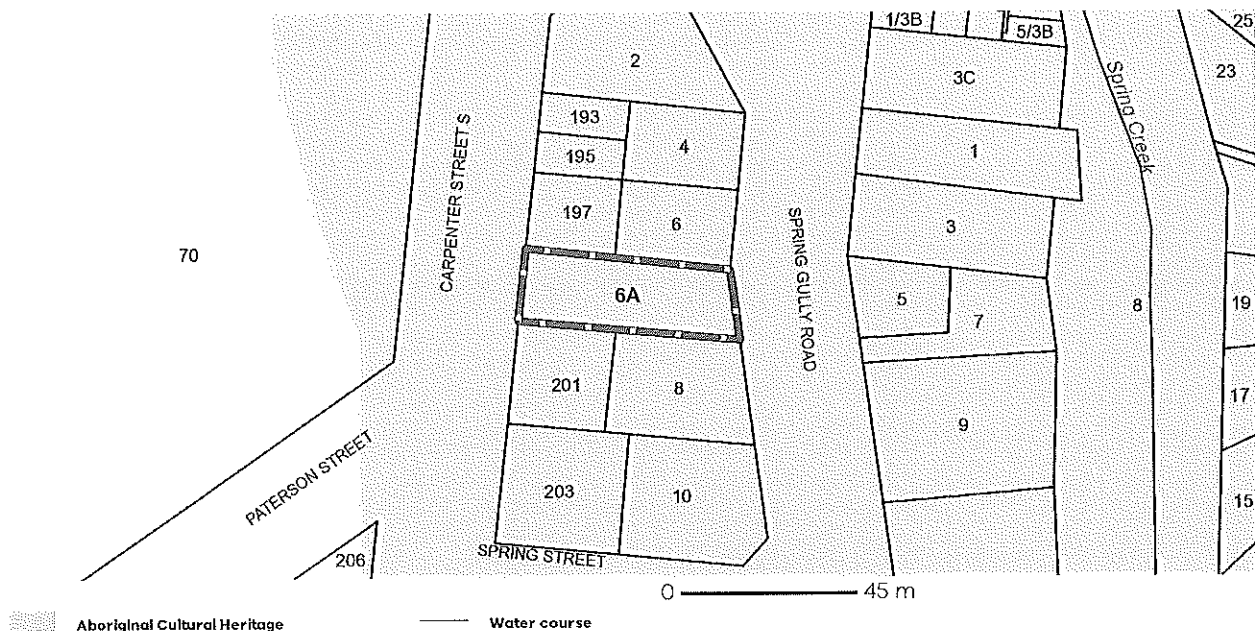
Under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, 'areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' are one part of a two part trigger which require a 'cultural heritage management plan' be prepared where a listed 'high impact activity' is proposed.

If a significant land use change is proposed (for example, a subdivision into 3 or more lots), a cultural heritage management plan may be triggered. One or two dwellings, works ancillary to a dwelling, services to a dwelling, alteration of buildings and minor works are examples of works exempt from this requirement.

Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, where a cultural heritage management plan is required, planning permits, licences and work authorities cannot be issued unless the cultural heritage management plan has been approved for the activity.

For further information about whether a Cultural Heritage Management Plan is required go to <http://www.oav.nrms.net.au/oavQuestion1.aspx>

More information, including links to both the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, can also be found here - <https://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-heritage-legislation>



Further Planning Information

Planning scheme data last updated on 30 June 2021.

A **planning scheme** sets out policies and requirements for the use, development and protection of land. This report provides information about the zone and overlay provisions that apply to the selected land. Information about the State and local policy, particular, general and operational provisions of the local planning scheme that may affect the use of this land can be obtained by contacting the local council or by visiting <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

This report is NOT a **Planning Certificate** issued pursuant to Section 199 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**. It does not include information about exhibited planning scheme amendments, or zonings that may affect the land. To obtain a Planning Certificate go to Titles and Property Certificates at Landata - <https://www.landata.vic.gov.au>

For details of surrounding properties, use this service to get the Reports for properties of interest.

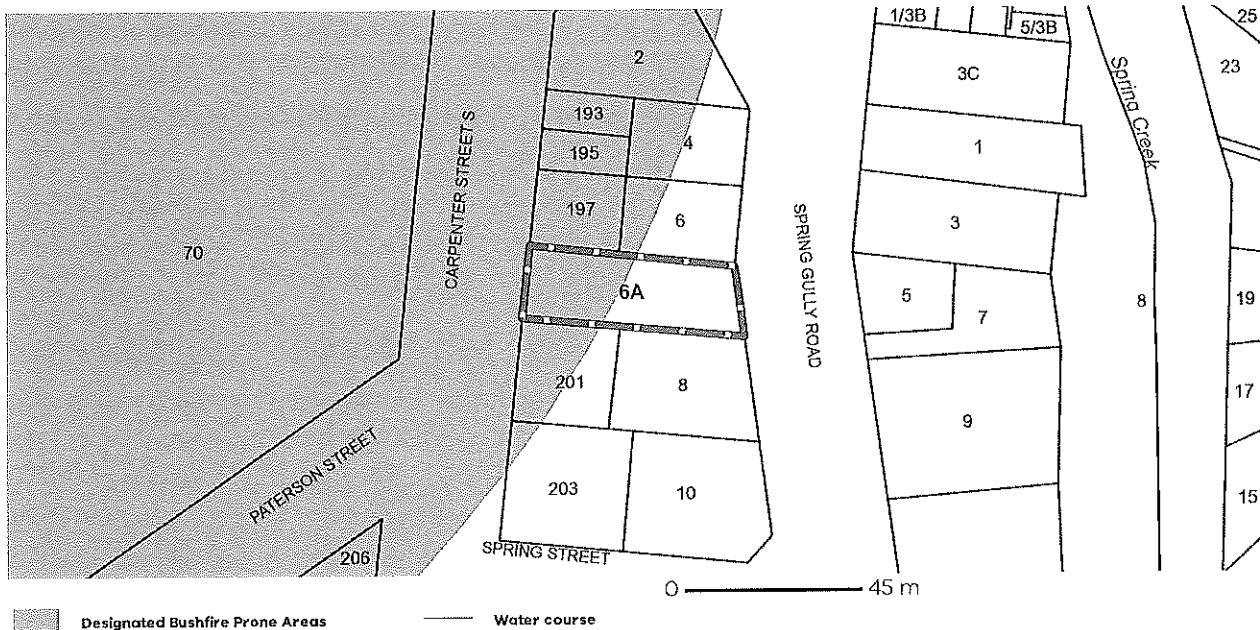
To view planning zones, overlay and heritage information in an interactive format visit <https://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan>

For other information about planning in Victoria visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT

Designated Bushfire Prone Areas

This property is in a designated bushfire prone area.
Special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.



Designated bushfire prone areas as determined by the Minister for Planning are in effect from 8 September 2011 and amended from time to time.

The Building Regulations 2018 through application of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated bushfire prone areas.

Designated bushfire prone areas maps can be viewed on VicPlan at <https://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan> or at the relevant local council.

Note: prior to 8 September 2011, the whole of Victoria was designated as bushfire prone area for the purposes of the building control system.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website <https://www.vba.vic.gov.au>

Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from <http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au>

For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

Native Vegetation

Native plants that are indigenous to the region and important for biodiversity might be present on this property. This could include trees, shrubs, herbs, grasses or aquatic plants. There are a range of regulations that may apply including need to obtain a planning permit under Clause 52.17 of the local planning scheme. For more information see [Native Vegetation \(Clause 52.17\)](#) with local variations in [Native Vegetation \(Clause 52.17\) Schedule](#)

To help identify native vegetation on his property and the application of Clause 52.17 please visit the Native Vegetation Information Management system <https://nvim.delwp.vic.gov.au/> and [Native vegetation \(environment.vic.gov.au\)](https://environment.vic.gov.au) or please contact your relevant council.

You can find out more about the natural values on your property through NatureKit [NatureKit \(environment.vic.gov.au\)](https://environment.vic.gov.au)

Property Clearance Certificate

Taxation Administration Act 1997



INFOTRACK / PAULINE MADDEN CONVEYANCING & LEGAL

Your Reference: 15517
Certificate No: 48011974
Issue Date: 07 JUL 2021
Enquiries: ESYSPROD

Land Address: 6A SPRING GULLY ROAD QUARRY HILL VIC 3550

Land Id	Lot	Plan	Volume	Folio	Tax Payable
3286568					\$398.93

Vendor: BRUCE CARBOON
Purchaser: FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

Current Land Tax	Year	Taxable Value	Proportional Tax	Penalty/Interest	Total
MR BRUCE NORMAN CARBOON	2021	\$226,000	\$398.93	\$0.00	\$398.93

Comments: Land Tax will be payable but is not yet due - please see note 6 on reverse.

Current Vacant Residential Land Tax	Year	Taxable Value	Proportional Tax	Penalty/Interest	Total
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Comments:

Arrears of Land Tax	Year	Proportional Tax	Penalty/Interest	Total
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This certificate is subject to the notes that appear on the reverse. The applicant should read these notes carefully.

Paul Broderick
Commissioner of State Revenue

CAPITAL IMP VALUE:	\$365,000
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SITE VALUE:	\$226,000
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AMOUNT PAYABLE:	\$398.93
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Notes to Certificates Under Section 95AA of the *Taxation Administration Act 1997*

Certificate No: 48011974

Power to issue Certificate

1. The Commissioner of State Revenue can issue a Property Clearance Certificate (Certificate) to an owner, mortgagee or bona fide purchaser of land who makes an application specifying the land for which the Certificate is sought and pays the application fee.

Amount shown on Certificate

2. The Certificate shows any land tax (including Vacant Residential Land Tax, interest and penalty tax) that is due and unpaid on the land described in the Certificate at the date of issue. In addition, it may show:
 - Land tax that has been assessed but is not yet due,
 - Land tax for the current tax year that has not yet been assessed, and
 - Any other information that the Commissioner sees fit to include, such as the amount of land tax applicable to the land on a single holding basis and other debts with respect to the property payable to the Commissioner.

Land tax is a first charge on land

3. Unpaid land tax (including Vacant Residential Land Tax, interest and penalty tax) is a first charge on the land to which it relates. This means it has priority over any other encumbrances on the land, such as a mortgage, and will continue as a charge even if ownership of the land is transferred. Therefore, a purchaser may become liable for any such unpaid land tax.

Information for the purchaser

4. If a purchaser of the land described in the Certificate has applied for and obtained a Certificate, the amount recoverable from the purchaser cannot exceed the 'amount payable' shown. A purchaser cannot rely on a Certificate obtained by the vendor.

Information for the vendor

5. Despite the issue of a Certificate, the Commissioner may recover a land tax liability from a vendor, including any amount identified on this Certificate.

General information

6. A Certificate showing no liability for the land does not mean that the land is exempt from land tax. It means that there is nothing to pay at the date of the Certificate.
7. An updated Certificate may be requested free of charge via our website, if:
 - The request is within 90 days of the original Certificate's issue date, and
 - There is no change to the parties involved in the transaction for which the Certificate was originally requested.

For Information Only


LAND TAX CALCULATION BASED ON SINGLE OWNERSHIP


Land Tax = \$0.00

Taxable Value = \$226,000

Calculated as \$0 plus (\$226,000 - \$0) multiplied by 0.000 cents.

Property Clearance Certificate - Payment Options

BPAY	
	Billers Code: 5249 Ref: 48011974
Telephone & Internet Banking - BPAY®	
Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit or transaction account.	
www.bpay.com.au	

CARD	
	Ref: 48011974
Visa or Mastercard	
Pay via our website or phone 13 21 61. A card payment fee applies.	
sro.vic.gov.au/paylandtax	

Due diligence checklist

What you need to know before buying a residential property

Before you buy a home, you should be aware of a range of issues that may affect that property and impose restrictions or obligations on you, if you buy it. This checklist aims to help you identify whether any of these issues will affect you. The questions are a starting point only and you may need to seek professional advice to answer some of them. You can find links to organisations and web pages that can help you learn more, by visiting the [Due diligence checklist](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist) page on the Consumer Affairs Victoria website (consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist).

Urban living

Moving to the inner city?

High density areas are attractive for their entertainment and service areas, but these activities create increased traffic as well as noise and odours from businesses and people. Familiarising yourself with the character of the area will give you a balanced understanding of what to expect.

Is the property subject to an owners corporation?

If the property is part of a subdivision with common property such as driveways or grounds, it may be subject to an owners corporation. You may be required to pay fees and follow rules that restrict what you can do on your property, such as a ban on pet ownership.

Growth areas

Are you moving to a growth area?

You should investigate whether you will be required to pay a growth areas infrastructure contribution.

Flood and fire risk

Does this property experience flooding or bushfire?

Properties are sometimes subject to the risk of fire and flooding due to their location. You should properly investigate these risks and consider their implications for land management, buildings and insurance premiums.

Rural properties

Moving to the country?

If you are looking at property in a rural zone, consider:

- Is the surrounding land use compatible with your lifestyle expectations? Farming can create noise or odour that may be at odds with your expectations of a rural lifestyle.
- Are you considering removing native vegetation? There are regulations which affect your ability to remove native vegetation on private property.
- Do you understand your obligations to manage weeds and pest animals?

Can you build new dwellings?

Does the property adjoin crown land, have a water frontage, contain a disused government road, or are there any crown licences associated with the land?

Is there any earth resource activity such as mining in the area?

You may wish to find out more about exploration, mining and quarrying activity on or near the property and consider the issue of petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas sequestration permits, leases and licences, extractive industry authorisations and mineral licences.

Soil and groundwater contamination

Has previous land use affected the soil or groundwater?

You should consider whether past activities, including the use of adjacent land, may have caused contamination at the site and whether this may prevent you from doing certain things to or on the land in the future.

Land boundaries

Do you know the exact boundary of the property?

You should compare the measurements shown on the title document with actual fences and buildings on the property, to make sure the boundaries match. If you have concerns about this, you can speak to your lawyer or conveyancer, or commission a site survey to establish property boundaries.

Planning controls

Can you change how the property is used, or the buildings on it?

All land is subject to a planning scheme, run by the local council. How the property is zoned and any overlays that may apply, will determine how the land can be used. This may restrict such things as whether you can build on vacant land or how you can alter or develop the land and its buildings over time.

The local council can give you advice about the planning scheme, as well as details of any other restrictions that may apply, such as design guidelines or bushfire safety design. There may also be restrictions – known as encumbrances – on the property's title, which prevent you from developing the property. You can find out about encumbrances by looking at the section 32 statement.

Are there any proposed or granted planning permits?

The local council can advise you if there are any proposed or issued planning permits for any properties close by. Significant developments in your area may change the local 'character' (predominant style of the area) and may increase noise or traffic near the property.

Safety

Is the building safe to live in?

Building laws are in place to ensure building safety. Professional building inspections can help you assess the property for electrical safety, possible illegal building work, adequate pool or spa fencing and the presence of asbestos, termites, or other potential hazards.

Building permits

Have any buildings or retaining walls on the property been altered, or do you plan to alter them?

There are laws and regulations about how buildings and retaining walls are constructed, which you may wish to investigate to ensure any completed or proposed building work is approved. The local council may be able to give you information about any building permits issued for recent building works done to the property, and what you must do to plan new work. You can also commission a private building surveyor's assessment.

Are any recent building or renovation works covered by insurance?

Ask the vendor if there is any owner-builder insurance or builder's warranty to cover defects in the work done to the property.

Utilities and essential services

Does the property have working connections for water, sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and internet?

Unconnected services may not be available, or may incur a fee to connect. You may also need to choose from a range of suppliers for these services. This may be particularly important in rural areas where some services are not available.

Buyers' rights

Do you know your rights when buying a property?

The contract of sale and section 32 statement contain important information about the property, so you should request to see these and read them thoroughly. Many people engage a lawyer or conveyancer to help them understand the contracts and ensure the sale goes through correctly. If you intend to hire a professional, you should consider speaking to them before you commit to the sale. There are also important rules about the way private sales and auctions are conducted. These may include a cooling-off period and specific rights associated with 'off the plan' sales. The important thing to remember is that, as the buyer, you have rights.

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