

SECTION 32 STATEMENT

PURSUANT TO DIVISION 2 OF PART II
SECTION 32 OF THE SALE OF LAND ACT 1962 (VIC)

Vendor: Brett Raymond Ould and Richard Graham Lansdown

Property: 141 Woori Yallock Road, Cockatoo VIC 3781



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Ref: JG:20221288

32A FINANCIAL MATTERS

Information concerning any rates, taxes, charges or other similar outgoings AND any interest payable on any part of them is contained in the attached certificate/s and as follows-

Any further amounts (including any proposed Owners Corporation Levy) for which the Purchaser may become liable as a consequence of the purchase of the property are as follows:-

None to the vendors knowledge

Their total does not exceed \$2,000.00 per annum

At settlement the rates will be adjusted between the parties, so that they each bear the proportion of rates applicable to their respective periods of occupancy in the property.

32A(b)The particulars of any Charge (whether registered or not) over the land imposed by or under an Act to secure an amount due under that Act, including the amount owing under the charge are as follows:-

Not Applicable

32B INSURANCE

(a) Where the Contract does not provide for the land to remain at the risk of the Vendor, particulars of any policy of insurance maintained by the Vendor in respect of damage to or destruction of the land are as follows: -

Not Applicable

(b) Where there is a residence on the land which was constructed within the preceding six years, and section 137B of the *Building Act 1993* applies, particulars of the required insurance are as follows:-

Not Applicable

32C LAND USE

(a) RESTRICTIONS

Information concerning any easement, covenant or similar restriction affecting the land (whether registered or unregistered) is as follows:-

- Easements affecting the land are as set out in the attached copies of title.
- Covenants affecting the land are as set out in the attached copies of title.
- Other restrictions affecting the land are as attached.
- Particulars of any existing failure to comply with the terms of such easement, covenant and/or restriction are as follows:-

To the best of the Vendor's knowledge there is no existing failure to comply with the terms of any easement, covenant or similar restriction affecting the land. The Purchaser should note that there may be sewers, drains, water pipes, underground and/or overhead electricity cables, underground and/or overhead telephone cables and underground gas pipes laid outside any registered easements and which are not registered or required to be registered against the Certificate of Title.

(b) BUSHFIRE

This land is in a designated bushfire- prone area within the meaning of the regulations made under the *Building Act 1993*.

(c) ROAD ACCESS

There is access to the Property by Road.

(d) PLANNING

Planning Scheme: Cardinia Shire Council Planning Scheme

Responsible Authority: Cardinia Shire Council

Planning Zone NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE (NRZ) NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 1 (NRZ1)

Planning Overlay BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY (BMO) BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 1 (BMO1) DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (DDO) DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 2 (DDO2) VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY (VPO) VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 2 (VPO2)

Areas of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity: All or part of this property is an 'area of cultural heritage sensitivity'.

32D NOTICES

- (a) 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 of which the Vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge are:- None to the Vendors knowledge however the Vendor has no means of knowing all decisions of the Government and other authorities unless such decisions have been communicated to the Vendor
- (b) The Vendor is not aware of any 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.
- (c) Particulars of any Notice of intention to acquire served under Section 6 of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act, 1986* are: Not Applicable.

32E BUILDING PERMITS

Particulars of any Building Permit issued under the *Building Act 1993* during the past seven years (where there is a residence on the land):-

No such Building Permit has been granted to the Vendors knowledge.

32F OWNERS CORPORATION

The Land is NOT affected by an Owners Corporation within the meaning of the *Owners Corporation Act 2006*.

32G GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION (GAIC)

- (1) The land, in accordance with a work-in-kind agreement (within the meaning of Part 9B of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* is NOT –
- land that is to be transferred under the agreement.
 - land on which works are to be carried out under the agreement (other than Crown land).
 - land in respect of which a GAIC is imposed

32H SERVICES

Service	Status
Electricity supply	Not Connected
Gas supply	Not Connected
Water supply	Not Connected
Sewerage	Not Connected
Telephone services	Not Connected

Connected indicates that the service is provided by an authority and operating on the day of sale. The Purchaser should be aware that the Vendor may terminate their account with the service provider before settlement, and the purchaser will have to have the service reconnected.

32I TITLE

Attached are the following document/s concerning Title:

1. register search statement Volume 11542 Folio 158
2. Plan of subdivision PS730219X

DATE OF THIS STATEMENT

/ /20

Aug 25, 2022

Name of the Vendor

Brett Raymond Ould and Richard Graham Lansdown

Signature/s of the Vendor

* *Brett Ould*
Brett Ould (Aug 25, 2022 14:02 GMT+10)

Richard Lansdown
Richard Lansdown (Aug 25, 2022 15:43 GMT+10)

The Purchaser acknowledges being given a duplicate of this statement signed by the Vendor before the Purchaser signed any contract.

DATE OF THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

/ /20

Name of the Purchaser

Signature/s of the Purchaser

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IMPORTANT NOTICE - ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Undischarged mortgages – S32A(a)

Where the land is to be sold subject to a mortgage (registered or unregistered) which is not to be discharged before the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipt of rents and profits, then the vendor must provide an additional statement including the particulars specified in Schedule 1 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*.

Terms contracts – S32A(d)

Where the land is to be sold pursuant to a terms contract which obliges the purchaser to make two or more payments to the vendor after execution of the contract and before the vendor is entitled to a conveyance or transfer, then the vendor must provide an additional statement containing the information specified in Schedule 2 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*.

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

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 730219X.

PARENT TITLES :

Volume 06428 Folio 477 Volume 08913 Folio 979

Created by instrument PS730219X 18/12/2014

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple

Joint Proprietors

BRETT RAYMOND OULD

RICHARD GRAHAM LANSDOWN both of 141-143 WOORI YALLOCK ROAD COCKATOO VIC 3781
PS730219X 18/12/2014

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

MORTGAGE AG317627N 29/01/2009
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

Any encumbrances created by Section 98 Transfer of Land Act 1958 or Section 24 Subdivision Act 1988 and any other encumbrances shown or entered on the plan set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE PS730219X 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: 141 WOORI YALLOCK ROAD COCKATOO VIC 3781

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

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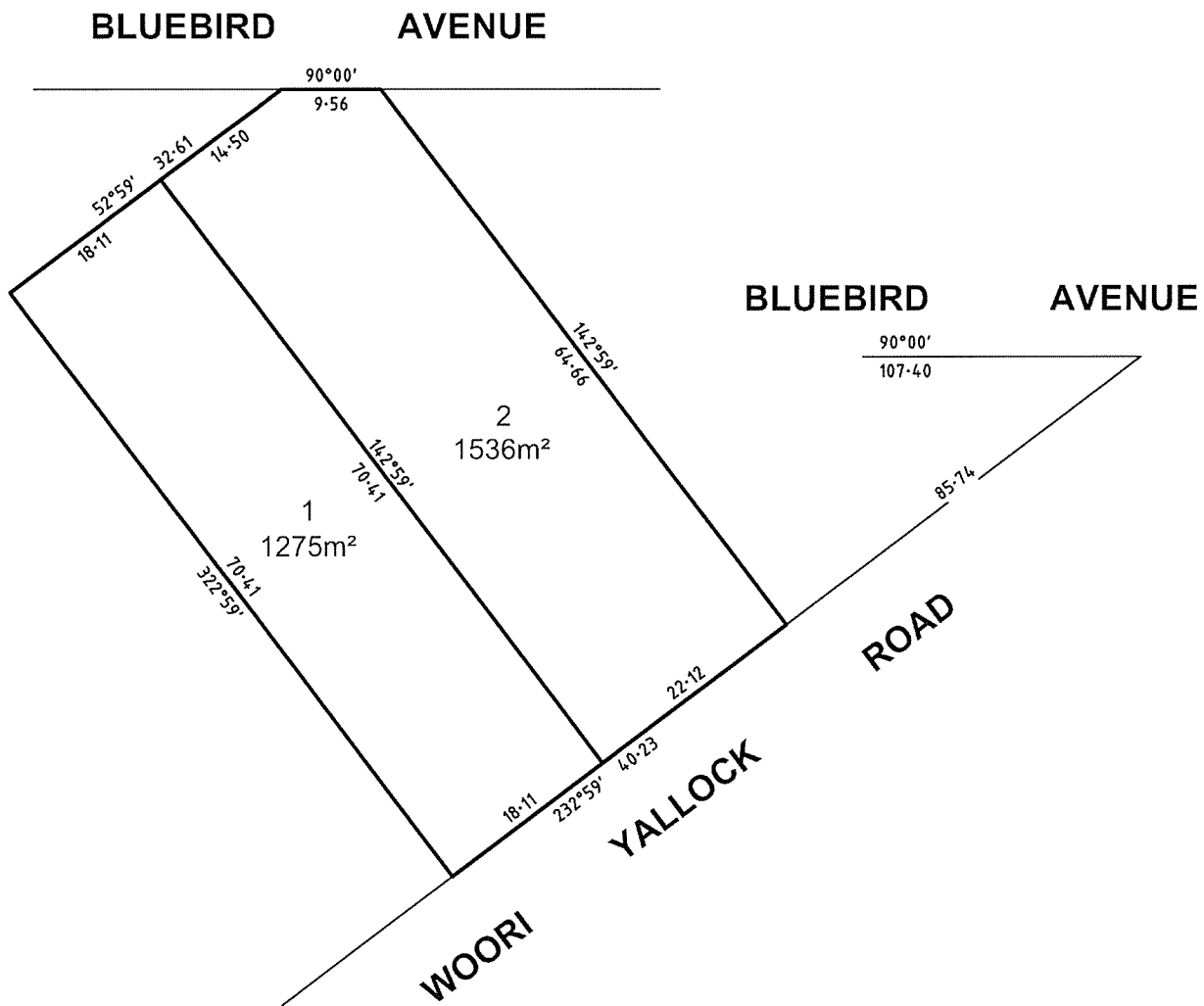
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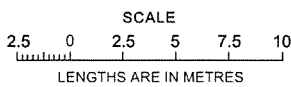
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DIGITALLY SIGNED BY LICENSED SURVEYOR:

CLIFF C. CARSON

REF C 3272 AB

VERSION 02

Plan of Subdivision PS730219X
Certification of plan by Council (Form 2)

SUBDIVISION (PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2011

SPEAR Reference Number: S054529J
Plan Number: PS730219X
Responsible Authority Name: Cardinia Shire Council
Responsible Authority Permit Ref. No.: N/A
Responsible Authority Certification Ref. No.: S14/141
Surveyor's Plan Version: 02

Certification

This plan is certified under section 6 of the Subdivision Act 1988

Public Open Space

A requirement for public open space under section 18 of the Subdivision Act 1988

Has not been made at Certification

Digitally signed by Council Delegate: Katherine Gilpin
Organisation: Cardinia Shire Council
Date: 29/09/2014

Property Clearance Certificate

Taxation Administration Act 1997



INFOTRACK / VICTORIAN STATEWIDE CONVEYANCING

Your Reference: 20221288

Certificate No: 57342659

Issue Date: 23 AUG 2022

Enquiries: AXH7

Land Address: 141 WOORI YALLOCK ROAD COCKATOO VIC 3781

Land Id	Lot	Plan	Volume	Folio	Tax Payable
41841603	1	730219			\$241.40

Vendor: RICK LANSDOWN & BRETT OULD

Purchaser: FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

Current Land Tax	Year	Taxable Value	Proportional Tax	Penalty/Interest	Total
MR RICHARD GRAHAM LANSDOWN	2022	\$165,000	\$241.40	\$0.00	\$241.40

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:	\$165,000
SITE VALUE:	\$165,000
AMOUNT PAYABLE:	\$241.40

Notes to Certificates Under Section 95AA of the *Taxation Administration Act 1997*

Certificate No: 57342659

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 = \$165,000

Calculated as \$0 plus (\$165,000 - \$0) multiplied by 0.000 cents.

Property Clearance Certificate - Payment Options

BPAY



Billier Code: 5249
Ref: 57342659

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: 57342659

Visa or Mastercard

Pay via our website or phone 13 21 61.
A card payment fee applies.

sro.vic.gov.au/paylandtax

PROPERTY DETAILS

Address: **141 WOORI YALLOCK ROAD COCKATOO 3781**
Lot and Plan Number: **Lot 1 PS730219**
Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): **1\PS730219**
Local Government Area (Council): **CARDINIA**
Council Property Number: **5000019991**
Directory Reference: **Melway 311 H3**

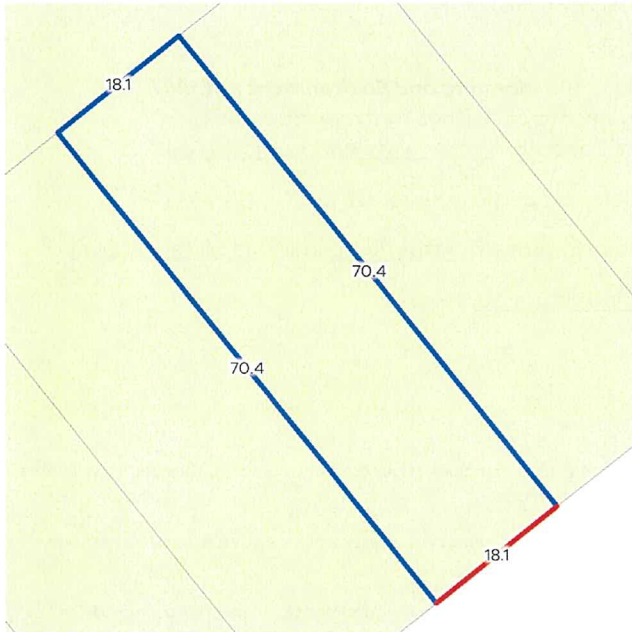
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SITE DIMENSIONS

All dimensions and areas are approximate. They may not agree with those shown on a title or plan.



Area: 1275 sq. m

Perimeter: 177 m

For this property:

— Site boundaries

— Road frontages

Dimensions for individual parcels require a separate search, but dimensions for individual units are generally not available.

Calculating the area from the dimensions shown may give a different value to the area shown above

For more accurate dimensions get copy of plan at [Title and Property Certificates](#)

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation: **Southern Rural Water**
Melbourne Water Retailer: **Yarra Valley Water**
Melbourne Water: **Inside drainage boundary**
Power Distributor: **AUSNET**

STATE ELECTORATES

Legislative Council: **EASTERN VICTORIA**
Legislative Assembly: **GEMBROOK**

PLANNING INFORMATION

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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.

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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>

Area Map



From www.planning.vic.gov.au at 22 August 2022 08:38 AM

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[Planning Scheme - Cardinia](#)

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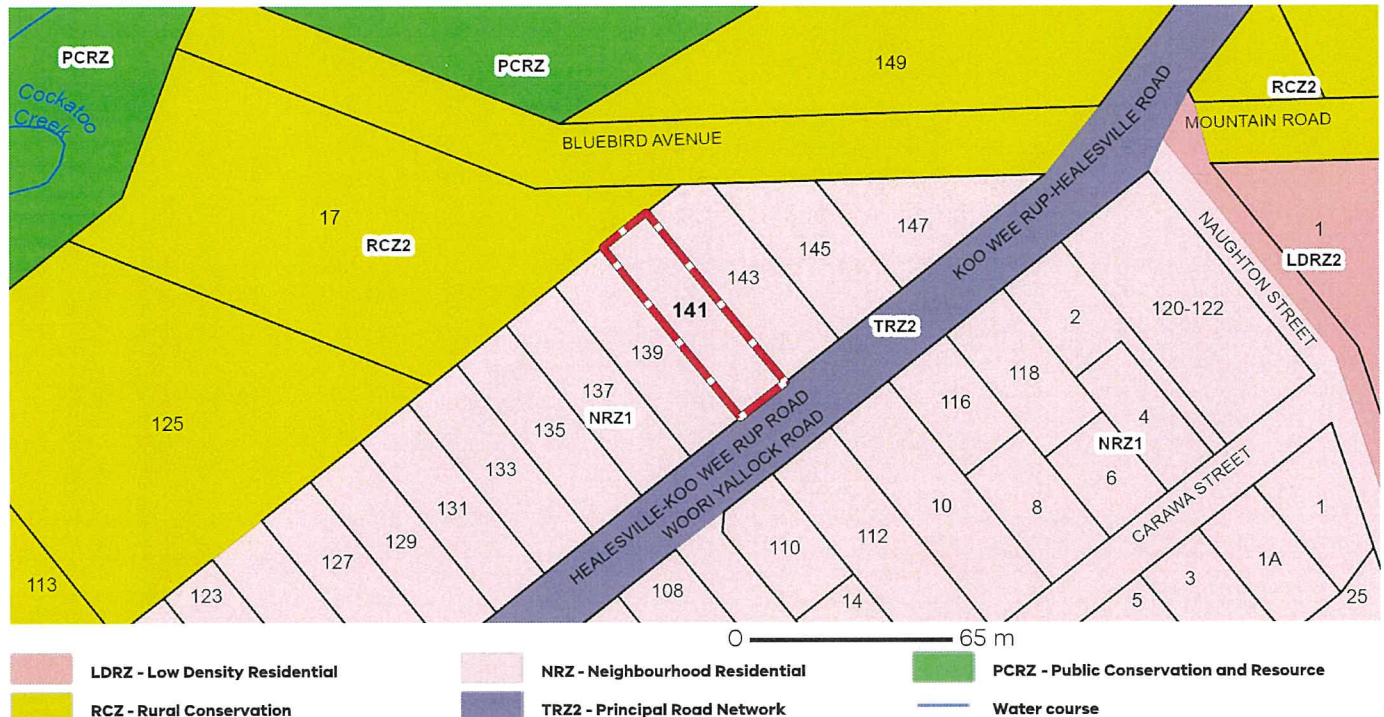
Registered Aboriginal Party: **Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation**

[View location in VicPlan](#)

Planning Zones

[NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE \(NRZ\)](#)

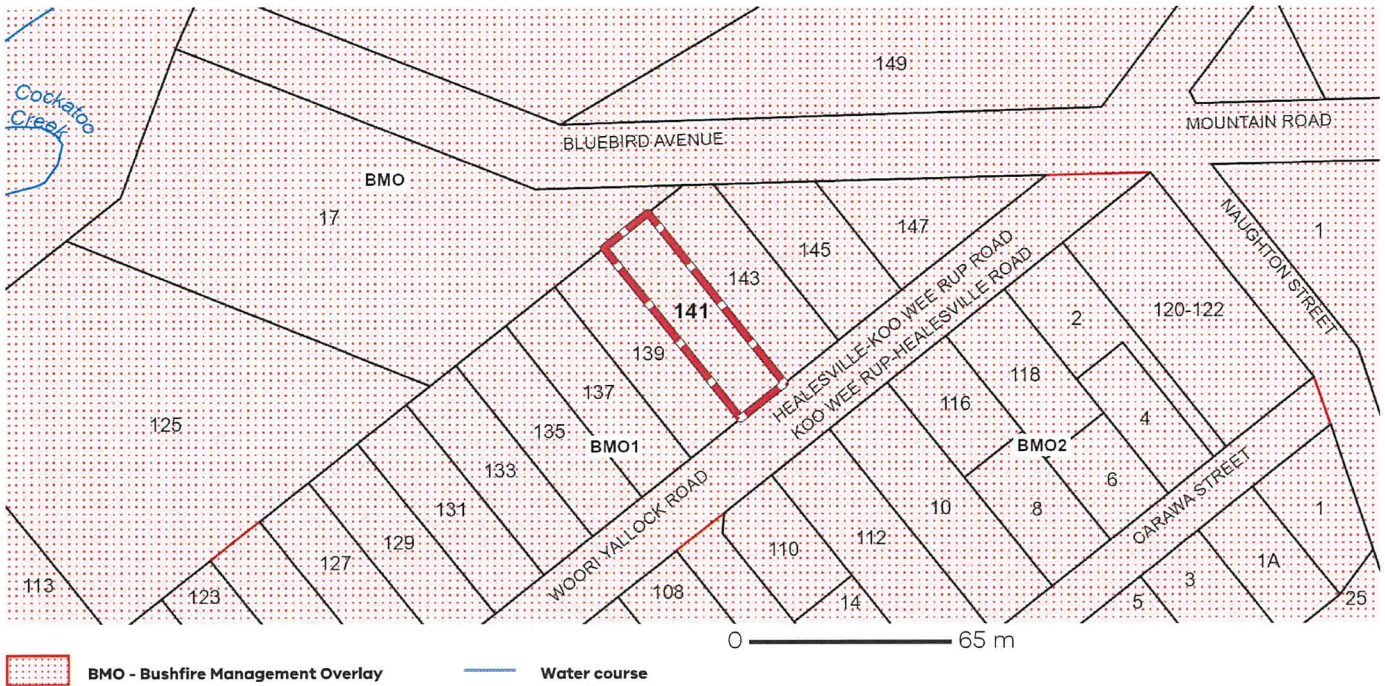
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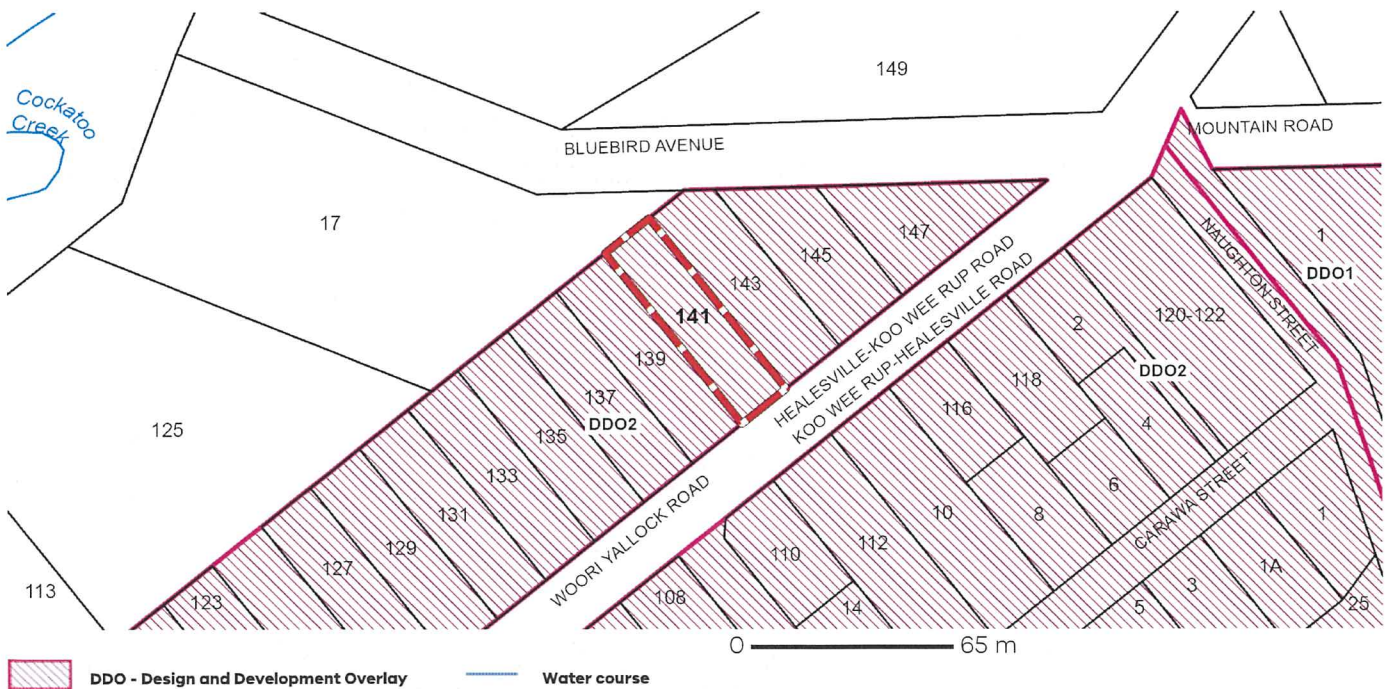
Note: labels for zones may appear outside the actual zone - please compare the labels with the legend.

Planning Overlays

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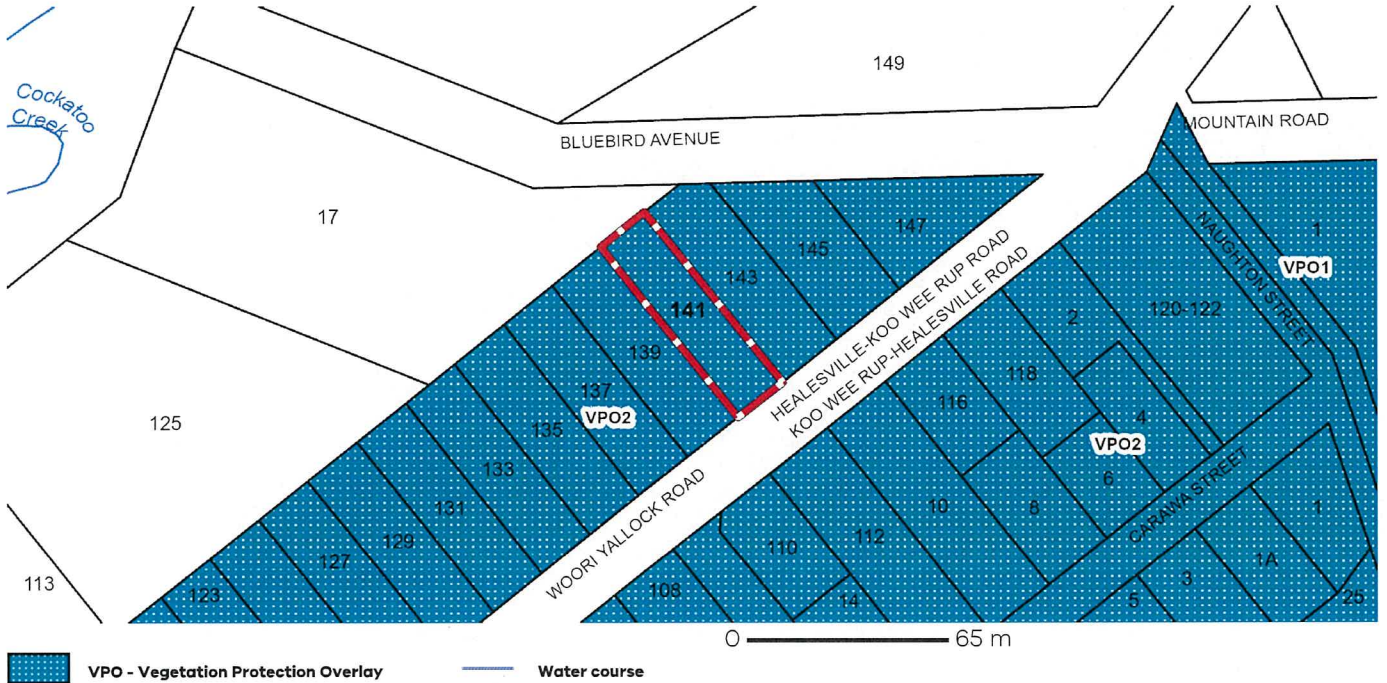
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Notwithstanding this disclaimer, a vendor may rely on the information in this report for the purpose of a statement that land is in a bushfire prone area as required by section 32C (b) of the Sale of Land 1962 (Vic).

Planning Overlays

VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY (VPO)

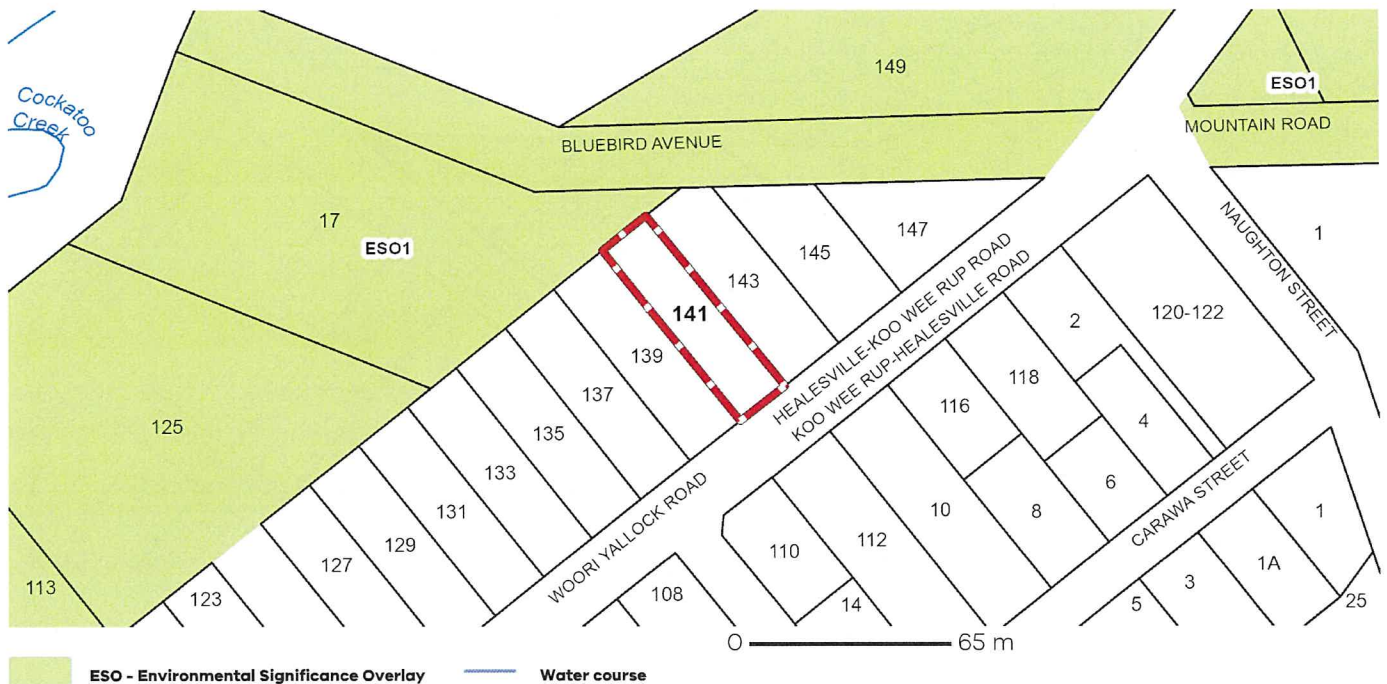
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OTHER OVERLAYS

Other overlays in the vicinity not directly affecting this land

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY (ESO)



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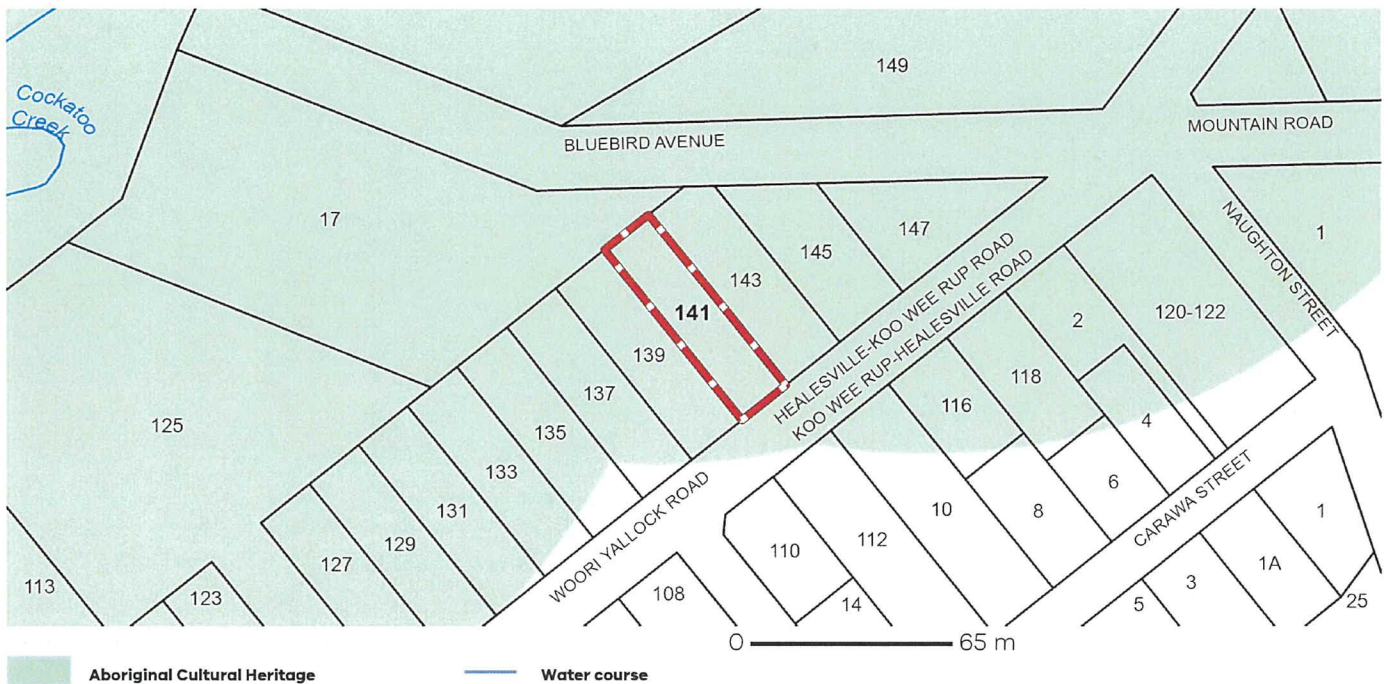
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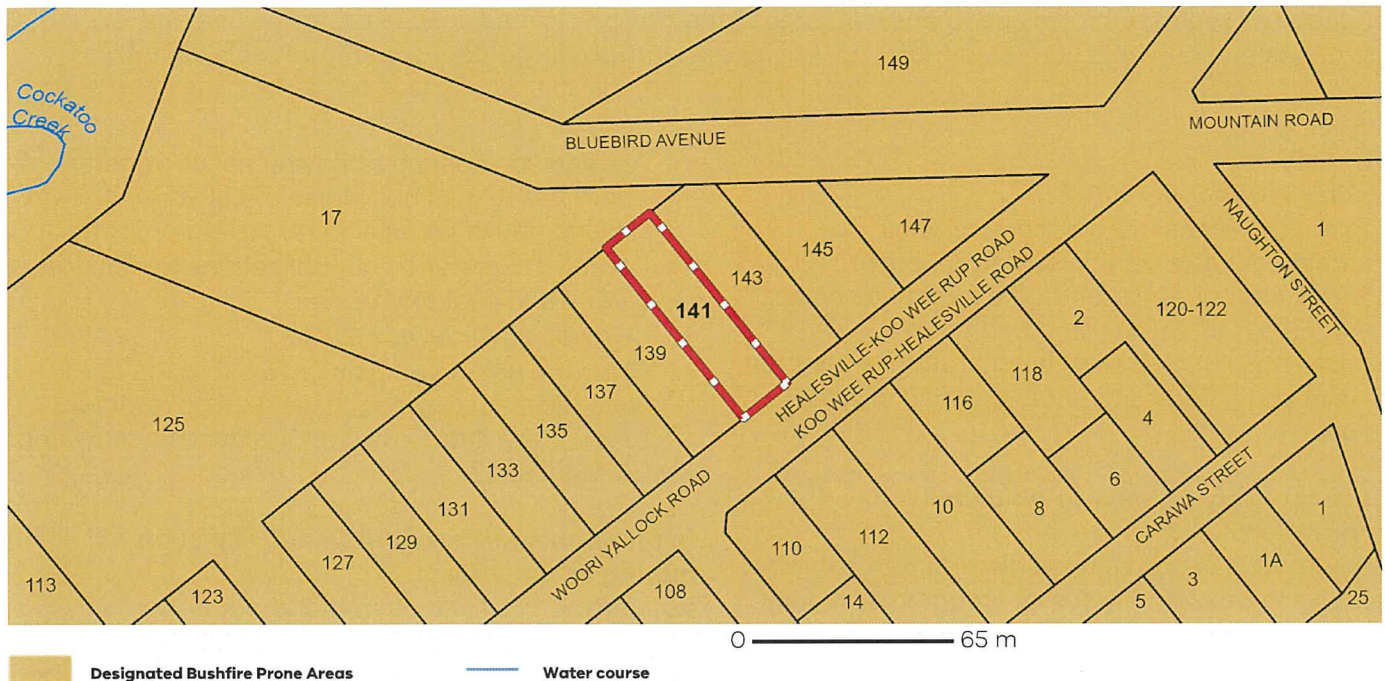
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Designated Bushfire Prone Areas

This property is in a designated bushfire prone area. Special bushfire construction requirements apply to the part of the property mapped as a designated bushfire prone area (BPA). Planning provisions may apply.

Where part of the property is mapped as BPA, if no part of the building envelope or footprint falls within the BPA area, the BPA construction requirements do not apply.

Note: the relevant building surveyor determines the need for compliance with the bushfire construction requirements.



Designated BPA are determined by the Minister for Planning following a detailed review process. The Building Regulations 2018, through adoption of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated BPA.

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

Create a BPA definition plan in [VicPlan](#) to measure the BPA.

Information for lot owners building in the BPA is available at <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>.

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 this 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 \(environment.vic.gov.au\)](#) or please contact your relevant council.

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

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 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