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Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 ASSESSMENT OF EARLY GOVERNMENT-ACCEPTED LAND CONSERVATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Terms of Reference

Pursuant to section 26B of the **Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001**, the Minister for Environment and Climate Action hereby requests the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (the Council) to carry out an assessment of government-accepted public land use recommendations, in relation to particular areas of land, made by the former Land Conservation Council between 1973 and 1983 and which have not been subsequently reviewed. The assessment does not include government-accepted public land use recommendations for national parks, state parks, wilderness parks, regional parks and state forests (including recommendations for areas for hardwood production and uncommitted land).

The purpose of the assessment is to:

- a) identify government-accepted public land use recommendations that require review;
- b) identify government-accepted public land use recommendations that have been superseded by subsequent government land use decisions.

The assessment supports the current reforms to public land legislation by identifying land use recommendations that require review to ensure the proposed transition to public land management categories, as recommended in the Council's Statewide Assessment of Public Land Final Report (2017), is based on current and appropriate government-accepted recommendations for public land use categories.

This request is for an assessment and report on the status of government-accepted public land use category recommendations, including a rationale for why a review is required. It does not extend to recommending changes to public land use, and public consultation is not required.

Reporting

The Council must report on its assessment of the matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above within nine months from the date of the request.

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