

5.0 Exemptions

- 5.0.1 Use or development described in Table 5.1 – 5.6 is exempt from requiring a permit under this planning scheme provided it meets the corresponding requirements.
- 5.0.2 Use or development which, under the provisions of the Act, including ss12(1) – (4) a planning scheme is not to prevent, does not require a permit.
- 5.0.3 Excluding the exemption for emergency works at 5.3.1, in the coastal zone, no development listed in Table 5.1 – 5.6 is exempt from this planning scheme if it is to be undertaken on actively mobile landforms as referred to in clause 1.4 of the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy 1996. Development must not be located on actively mobile landforms in the coastal zone, unless for engineering or remediation works to protect land, property and human life in accordance with clause 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 in the State Coastal Policy 1996.

Table 5.1 Exempt use

	Use	Requirements
5.1.1	bee keeping	The use of land for bee keeping.
5.1.2	occasional use	If for infrequent or irregular sporting, social or cultural events.
5.1.3	home occupation	<p>If:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) not more than 40m² of gross floor area of the dwelling is used for non-residential purposes; (b) the person conducting the home occupation normally uses the dwelling as their principal place of residence; (c) it does not involve employment of persons other than a resident; (d) any load on a utility is no more than for a domestic use; (e) there is no activity that causes electrical interference to other land; (f) it does not involve display of goods for sale that are visible from any road or public open space adjoining the site; (g) it involves no more than 1 advertising sign (that must be non-illuminated) and not more than 0.2m² in area; (h) it does not involve refuelling, servicing, detailing or repair of vehicles not owned by the resident on the site; (i) no more than 1 commercial vehicle is on the site at any one time and no commercial vehicle on the site exceeds 2 tonnes; and

		any vehicle used solely for non-residential purposes must be parked on the site.
5.1.4	markets	If on public land.
5.1.5	display home	The use of an existing dwelling as a display home for a period of up to 3 years. This includes the use of part of the dwelling as an office for home sales, displays and administration.

Table 5.2 Exempt infrastructure use or development

	Use or development	Requirements
5.2.1	dam construction works	Works that are directly associated with construction of a dam approved under the <i>Water Management Act 1999</i> , including the construction of vehicular access, vegetation removal and bulk soil excavations, are exempt if contained on the same site as the dam.
5.2.2	stormwater infrastructure	Provision, removal, maintenance and repair of pipes, open drains and pump stations for the reticulation or removal of stormwater by, or on behalf of, the Crown, a council or a State authority unless a code relating to landslip hazards applies and requires a permit for the use or development.
5.2.3	irrigation pipes	The laying or installation in the Rural Resource Zone or the Significant Agricultural Zone, of irrigation pipes, that are directly associated with, and a subservient part of, an agricultural use, provided no pipes are located within a wetland, unless there is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a code in this planning scheme which lists a heritage place or precinct and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; (b) a code in this planning scheme which expressly regulates impacts on scenic or landscape values and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; (c) a code in this planning scheme which expressly regulates impacts on biodiversity values and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; (d) disturbance of more than 1m² of land that has been affected by a potentially contaminating activity; (e) excavation or fill of more than 0.5m depth in a salinity hazard area or landslip hazard area shown in the planning scheme; or (f) the removal of any threatened vegetation.

5.2.4	road works	<p>Maintenance and repair of roads and upgrading by or on behalf of the road authority which may extend up to 3m outside the road reserve including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) widening or narrowing of existing carriageways; (b) making, placing or upgrading kerbs, gutters, footpaths, shoulders, roadsides, traffic control devices, line markings, street lighting, safety barriers, signs, fencing and landscaping, unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development; or (c) repair of bridges, or replacement of bridges of similar size in the same or adjacent location.
5.2.5	vehicle crossings, junctions and level crossings	<p>If:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) development of a vehicle crossing, junction or level crossing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) by the road or rail authority; or (ii) in accordance with the written consent of the relevant road or rail authority; or (b) use of a vehicle crossing, junction or level crossing by a road or railway authority.
5.2.6	minor communications infrastructure	<p>If:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) development of low impact facilities as defined in Parts 2 and 3 of the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018; (b) works involved in the inspection of land to identify suitability for telecommunications infrastructure; (c) development of a facility that has been granted a facility installation permit by the Australian Communications and Media Authority; (d) works involved in the maintenance of telecommunication infrastructure; (e) works meeting the transitional arrangements as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the <i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i>; (f) feeder and distribution optical fibre cables not exceeding 18mm in diameter and with attached messenger wires on existing poles;

		<p>(g) the connection of a line forming part of a telecommunications network to a building, caravan or mobile home including drop cabling of optic fibre networks; or</p> <p>(h) works involved in the installation, for purposes in connection with the installation of the National Broadband Network, of a:</p> <p>(i) galvanised steel service pole, no more than 6.6m in height above existing ground level, and 0.2m in diameter; or</p> <p>(ii) timber service pole, no more than 10.2m in height above existing ground level, and 0.42m in diameter,</p> <p>unless a code relating to the protection of airports applies and requires a permit for the use or development.</p>
5.2.7	provision of linear and minor utilities and infrastructure	<p>If by or on behalf of the State Government, a Council, a Statutory authority, or a corporation all the shares of which are held by or on behalf of the State or by a Statutory authority, of electricity, gas, sewerage, and water reticulation to individual streets, lots or buildings, unless there is:</p> <p>(a) a code in this planning scheme which lists a heritage place or precinct and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(b) disturbance of more than 1m² of land that has been affected by a potentially contaminating activity;</p> <p>(c) excavation or fill of more than 0.5m depth in a salinity hazard area or landslip hazard area shown in the planning scheme;</p> <p>(d) the removal of any threatened vegetation; or</p> <p>(e) land located within 30m of a wetland or watercourse.</p>
5.2.8	upgrades of linear and minor utilities and infrastructure	<p>If minor upgrades by or on behalf of the State government, a Council, or a statutory authority or a corporation all the shares of which are held by or on behalf of the State or by a statutory authority, of infrastructure (excluding stormwater infrastructure under subclause 5.2.2 and road works under subclause 5.2.4) such as roads, rail lines, footpaths, cycle paths, drains, sewers, power lines and pipelines including:</p> <p>(a) minor widening or narrowing of existing carriageways; or</p> <p>(b) making, placing or upgrading kerbs, gutters, footpaths, roadsides, traffic control devices and markings, street lighting and landscaping,</p>

		<p>unless the following apply:</p> <p>(c) a code in this planning scheme which lists a heritage place or precinct and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; or</p> <p>(d) the removal of any threatened vegetation.</p>
5.2.9	maintenance and repair of linear and minor utilities and infrastructure	<p>If by or on behalf of the State Government, a Council, a statutory authority, or a corporation all the shares of which are held by or on behalf of the State or by a statutory authority, maintenance and repair of:</p> <p>(a) electricity, gas, sewerage, and water reticulation to individual streets, lots or buildings; and</p> <p>(b) infrastructure (excluding stormwater infrastructure under subclause 5.2.2 and road works under subclause 5.2.4) such as roads, rail lines, drains, sewers, power lines and pipelines.</p>
5.2.10	minor infrastructure	<p>Provision, maintenance and modification of footpaths, cycle paths, playground equipment, seating, shelters, bus stops and bus shelters, street lighting, telephone booths, public toilets, post boxes, cycle racks, fire hydrants, drinking fountains, waste or recycling bins, public art, and the like by, or on behalf of, the Crown, a council or a State authority.</p>
5.2.11	navigation aids	<p>Provision, maintenance and modification of any sort of marker which aids in navigation of nautical or aviation craft such as lighthouses, buoys, fog signals, landing lights, beacons, and the like, unless a code relating to the protection of airports applies and requires a permit for the use or development.</p>
5.2.12	electric car charger	<p>Provision and maintenance if in a car park.</p>

Table 5.3 Exempt building and works

	Use or development	Requirements
5.3.1	emergency works	Urgent works, that are undertaken for public safety or to protect property or the environment as a result of an emergency situation, that are required or authorised by or on behalf of the State Government, a Council, a statutory authority, or a corporation all the shares of which are held by or on behalf of the State or by a statutory authority.
5.3.2	maintenance and repair of buildings	maintenance and repair of buildings including repainting, re-cladding and re-roofing whether using similar or different materials provided this does not contravene a condition of an existing permit which applies to a site.
5.3.3	temporary buildings or works	The erection of temporary buildings or works to facilitate development for which a permit has been granted or for which no permit is required provided they are not occupied for residential use and are removed within 14 days of completion of development.
5.3.4	unroofed decks	If: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) not attached to or abutting a habitable building; and (b) the floor level is less than 1m above existing ground level, unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development.
5.3.5	outbuildings	Construction or placement of an outbuilding if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) it is not between a frontage and the building line, or if on a lot with no buildings, the setback from the frontage is not less than the relevant Acceptable Solution requirement; and (b) the area of the new outbuilding that is roofed is not more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 10m² if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. there is not more than one other outbuilding on the lot; b. the total area of all outbuildings on the lot that are roofed will not be more than 20m²; c. no side of the new outbuilding is longer than 3.2m; and d. the building height of the new outbuilding is not more than 2.4m; or (ii) 18m² if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. there is no other outbuilding on the lot;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. the roof span of the new outbuilding is not more than 3m; c. the building height of the new outbuilding is not more than 2.4m; d. the new outbuilding is not less than 0.9m from an existing building on the lot; e. the new outbuilding has a setback of not less than 0.9m from any boundary; and f. the change in existing ground level as a result of cut or fill is not more than 0.5m, <p>unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development.</p>
5.3.6	buildings and works in the Rural Resource Zone or Significant Agricultural Zone	<p>If for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the construction of buildings or works, other than a dwelling, that are directly associated with, and a subservient part of, an agricultural use if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) individual buildings do not exceed 100m² in gross floor area; (ii) the setback from all property boundaries is not less than 30m; (iii) no part of the building or works are located within 30m of a wetland or watercourse; (iv) no part of the building or works encroach within any service easement or within 1m of any underground service; and (v) the building or works are not located on prime agricultural land, <p>unless there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) a code in this planning scheme which lists a heritage place or precinct and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; (c) a code in this planning scheme which expressly regulates impacts on scenic or landscape values and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; (d) a code in this planning scheme which expressly regulates impacts on biodiversity values and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; (e) disturbance of more than 1m² of land that has been affected by a potentially contaminating activity;

		<p>(f) excavation or fill of more than 0.5m depth in a salinity hazard area or landslip hazard area shown in the planning scheme; or</p> <p>(g) the removal of any threatened vegetation.</p>
5.3.7	demolition of exempt buildings	The demolition in whole or in part of a building, the erection of which would be exempt under this planning scheme.
5.3.8	garden structures	<p>Garden structures, such as a pergola, garden arch, trellis or frame, if:</p> <p>(a) the total area is no greater than 20m²;</p> <p>(b) the height is no more than 3m above ground level; and</p> <p>(c) it is uncovered or covered by an open-weave permeable material that allows water through,</p> <p>unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development.</p>

Table 5.4 Vegetation exemptions

	Use or development	Requirements
5.4.1	vegetation removal for safety or in accordance with other Acts	<p>If for:</p> <p>(a) clearance and conversion of a threatened native vegetation community, or the disturbance of a vegetation community, in accordance with a forest practices plan certified under the <i>Forest Practices Act 1985</i>, unless for the construction of a building or the carrying out of any associated development;</p> <p>(b) harvesting of timber or the clearing of trees, or the clearance and conversion of a threatened native vegetation community, on any land to enable the construction and maintenance of electricity infrastructure in accordance with the <i>Forest Practices Regulations 2017</i>;</p> <p>(c) fire hazard management in accordance with a bushfire hazard management plan approved as part of a use or development;</p> <p>(d) fire hazard reduction required in accordance with the <i>Fire Service Act 1979</i> or an abatement notice issued under the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>;</p> <p>(e) fire hazard management works necessary to protect existing assets and ensure public safety in accordance with a plan for fire hazard management endorsed by the Tasmanian Fire Service, Sustainable Timbers Tasmania, the Parks and Wildlife Service, or council;</p>

		<p>(f) clearance within 2m of lawfully constructed buildings or infrastructure including roads, tracks, footpaths, cycle paths, drains, sewers, power lines, pipelines and telecommunications facilities, for maintenance, repair and protection;</p> <p>(g) safety reasons where the work is required for the removal of dead wood, or treatment of disease, or required to remove an unacceptable risk to public or private safety, or where the vegetation is causing or threatening to cause damage to a substantial structure or building; or</p> <p>(h) within 1.5m of a lot boundary for the purpose of erecting or maintaining a boundary fence.</p>
5.4.2	planting, clearing or modification of vegetation on pasture or cropping land	<p>If for the landscaping and the management of vegetation on pasture or cropping land, other than for plantation forestry on prime agricultural land, provided the vegetation is not protected by permit condition, an agreement made under Part 5 of the Act, covenant or other legislation, unless there is:</p> <p>(a) a code in this planning scheme which lists a heritage place or precinct and requires a permit for the use or development to be undertaken;</p> <p>(b) a code in this planning scheme which expressly regulates impacts on scenic or landscape values and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(c) a code in this planning scheme which expressly regulates impacts on biodiversity values and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(d) disturbance of more than 1m² of land that has been affected by a potentially contaminating activity;</p> <p>(e) excavation or fill of more than 0.5m depth in a salinity hazard area or landslip hazard area shown in the planning scheme;</p> <p>(f) the removal of any threatened vegetation; or</p> <p>(g) land located within 30m of a wetland or watercourse.</p>
5.4.3	landscaping and vegetation management	<p>Landscaping and vegetation management within a private garden, public garden or park, or within State-reserved land or a council reserve, if:</p> <p>(a) the vegetation is not protected by legislation, a permit condition, an agreement made under section 71 of the Act, or a covenant; or</p>

		<p>(b) the vegetation is not specifically listed and described as part of a historic heritage place or a significant trees in the relevant interim planning schemes,</p> <p>unless the management is incidental to the general maintenance.</p>
5.4.4	vegetation rehabilitation works	<p>The planting, clearing or modification of vegetation for:</p> <p>(a) soil conservation or rehabilitation works including Landcare activities and the like, provided that ground cover is maintained and erosion is managed;</p> <p>(b) the removal or destruction of declared weeds or environmental weeds listed under a strategy or management plan approved by a council;</p> <p>(c) water quality protection or stream bank stabilisation works approved by the relevant State authority or a council;</p> <p>(d) the implementation of a vegetation management agreement or a natural resource, catchment, coastal, reserve or property management plan or the like, provided the agreement or plan has been endorsed or approved by the relevant State authority or a council; or</p> <p>(e) the implementation of a mining and rehabilitation plan approved under the terms of a permit, an Environment Protection Notice, or rehabilitation works approved under the <i>Mineral Resources Development Act 1995</i>.</p>

Table 5.5 Renewable energy exemptions

	Use or development	Requirements
5.5.1	ground mounted solar energy installations	If covering an area of not more than 18m ² , unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development.
5.5.2	roof mounted solar energy installations	Unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development.
5.5.3	wind turbines and anemometers	<p>Use or development described in clauses 5.5.4 and 5.5.5 is exempt from requiring a permit under this planning scheme, unless it involves:</p> <p>(a) a place or precinct listed in a heritage code that is part of this planning scheme;</p> <p>(b) the removal of any threatened vegetation;</p>

		<p>(c) an area that is subject to a code that is part of this planning scheme and which expressly regulates impacts on scenic or landscape values;</p> <p>(d) an area that is subject to a code that is part of this planning scheme and which expressly regulates impacts on biodiversity values or is otherwise within 100m of a wetland; or</p> <p>(e) building or works within any service easement or within 1m of any underground service.</p>
5.5.4	wind turbines	<p>One free standing wind turbine per lot, unless within the Inner Residential Zone, General Residential Zone, Low Density Residential Zone or a Particular Purpose Zone, if:</p> <p>(a) no part of the structure is closer to a frontage than any other building on the lot (excluding a fence);</p> <p>(b) no part of the structure is within 15m of any boundary;</p> <p>(c) the height of the pole above natural ground level is no higher than:</p> <p>(i) 15m in the Commercial Zone or General Business Zone; or</p> <p>(ii) 20m in the General Industrial Zone, Light Industrial Zone, Port and Marine Zone, Rural Resource Zone, Significant Agricultural Zone, or Utilities Zone; and</p> <p>(iii) 12m in any other zone; and</p> <p>(d) no part of the structure is closer to a sensitive use on another lot than:</p> <p>(i) 60m if the wind turbine has a energy generation potential of 10kW or less; or</p> <p>(ii) 250m if the wind turbine has a energy generation potential of 10kW or more.</p>
5.5.5	anemometers	<p>The temporary installation of an anemometer provided that the anemometer and all traces of works associated with the anemometer are removed no more than 36 months after the commencement of wind measurements and all land affected is rehabilitated within a further period of 12 months.</p>

Table 5.6 Miscellaneous exemptions

	Use or development	Requirements
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5.6.1	use or development in a road reserve or on public land	<p>If:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for outdoor dining facilities, signboards, roadside vendors and stalls on a road that is managed by a relevant council; or (b) a community garden on public land used for growing vegetables, fruit or ornamentals.
5.6.2	fences (excluding fences within 4.5m of a frontage in the General Residential Zone or Inner Residential Zone)	<p>The construction or demolition of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) side and rear boundary fences not adjoining a road or public reserve or not within 4.5m of the site's primary frontage and not more than a total height of 2.1m above natural ground level; (b) boundary fences adjoining a road or public reserve or within 4.5m of the site's primary frontage (excluding a fence under subclause 5.6.3) and not more than a total height of 1.2m above natural ground level; (c) fencing of agricultural land or for protection of wetlands and watercourses; (d) fencing for security purposes, no higher than 2.8m, that is within the Port and Marine Zone; (e) fencing for security purposes, no higher than 2.8m, at an airport, <p>unless there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (f) a code in this planning scheme which lists a heritage place or precinct and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken; (g) the removal of any threatened vegetation; or (h) land located within 30m of a wetland or watercourse.
5.6.3	fences within 4.5m of a frontage in the General Residential Zone or Inner Residential Zone	<p>Fences (including free-standing walls) within 4.5m of a frontage, if located in the General Residential Zone or Inner Residential Zone if not more than a height of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 1.2m above existing ground level if the fence is solid; or (b) 1.8m above existing ground level, if the fence has openings above the height of 1.2m which provide a uniform transparency of at least 30% (excluding any posts or uprights), <p>unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development.</p>

5.6.4	temporary fencing	If for public safety, construction works or occasional sporting, social or cultural events.
5.6.5	retaining walls	Retaining walls, excluding any land filling, if: (a) it has a setback of not less than 1.5m from any boundary; and (b) it retains a difference in ground level of less than 1m, unless a code relating to historic heritage values, significant trees, or landslip hazards, applies and requires a permit for the use or development.
5.6.6	hot water cylinders	If attached, or located, to the side or rear of a building, unless a code relating to historic heritage values or significant trees applies and requires a permit for the use or development.
5.6.7	minor structures	If: (a) they are at least 1m from any boundary, minor attachments to the side or rear of a building that are incidental to any use or development such as heat pumps, rain water tanks with a capacity of less than 45 kilolitres and on a stand no higher than 1.2m, and air-conditioners; or (b) they are incidental to any use or development including: (i) a maximum of 2 masts for telecommunications or flagpoles provided each are no more than 6m in length; (ii) one satellite dish no more than 2m in diameter, unless there is a code in this planning scheme which lists a heritage place or precinct and requires a permit for the use or development that is to be undertaken.
5.6.8	strata division	Division by strata titles of lawfully constructed or approved buildings for a use granted a permit under this planning scheme or previously lawfully approved.