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**SAND EXTRACTION - LANG LANG TO GRANTVILLE REGION**

This policy applies to land in the Lang Lang area, generally south of the Lang Lang River.

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**Policy basis**

The Lang Lang to Grantville region contains significant sand resources which are expected to become a major source of sand for the Melbourne supply area over the next 10 to 20 years. The extraction of the sand resources will have significant economic, social and environmental effects on the area.

This policy assists in the implementation of the objectives and strategies in the Municipal Strategic Statement in relation to extractive industry.

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**Objective**

To protect sand resources in the Lang Lang - Grantville area and to provide for the extraction of these resources and rehabilitation of sites in a manner which protects the significant environmental, social and economic values of the area.

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**Policy**

It is policy that:

- Appropriate areas of sand resources in the Lang Lang - Grantville area be extracted in a manner which protects significant environmental, economic and social values of the area.
- Interim uses of sand resource areas and adjacent areas be compatible with the potential future extraction of the resource.
- Each sand extraction site be progressively rehabilitated to a condition suitable for an appropriate end use which addresses the environmental, social and economic values of the area and is compatible with adjacent land use and development.
- The quality of the region's waterways and the waters of Westernport Bay be protected.
- Extraction not adversely impact on the quality and quantity of groundwater resources in the area to the extent that the beneficial uses of groundwater are reduced.
- The bio-diversity of flora and fauna in the area be protected and enhanced.
- The extracted resource be transported to its end use in an efficient and safe manner which protects the amenity of the area and minimises the impacts on existing service levels.
- The amenity of existing and future residents of the locality be protected, and that the residents' quality of life consistent with accepted standards not be diminished due to the impacts of extractive operations.
- The visual impact of sand extraction operations be minimised, and that the visual quality of landscapes be ultimately conserved and, if possible, enhanced by extractive operations.
- Sites of Aboriginal heritage significance, archaeological significance, historical or architectural significance or geological/geomorphological significance be protected.
- Open, accountable and effective environmental management programs be established for extractive industry operations.
- Sand resources at Lang Lang be managed in accordance with the Regional Sand Extraction Strategy - Lang Lang to Grantville 1996 in relation to applications for extractive industry or other uses or development which may impact on the future extraction of sand resources in the area.