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SATELLITE DISHES POLICY

Where the policy applies

This policy applies to all land in a residential zone, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 52.04 of the planning scheme.

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Policy basis

Satellite dishes are becoming a more common visual feature of many residential areas in the municipality.

They are generally either attached to the roofs of existing dwellings, or mounted on structures attached to the dwellings or erected within the rear yards of properties. They are also commonly installed without planning approval, such that many planning applications received by the responsible authority are to legitimise these structures.

In many cases, the location and height/scale of satellite dishes is such that they are clearly visible from the adjoining street and/or surrounding properties. Because of their visual impact they can cause community concern and conflict.

The responsible authority has a role, as expressed in Clause 52.04 of the planning scheme, to consider the effect of a satellite dish on the visual amenity of nearby land.

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Policy objective

To minimise the visual impact of satellite dishes on nearby land.

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Policy

It is policy that:

- A satellite dish in a residential area not be installed on the roof of a dwelling.
- A satellite dish visible from outside the subject property be positioned so that it does not dominate views from surrounding properties and is screened to reduce its visual impact.
- The siting of a satellite dish at the front of a property be discouraged.
- A satellite dish located at the rear of a property be sited in such a way that it is not clearly visible from the rear yards of adjoining properties.
- A satellite dish be constructed of materials and colours that mitigate any visual impact on surrounding properties.
- A satellite dish not be attached to a building or structure listed in the schedule to Clause 43.01 of the planning scheme.

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Decision guideline

Before deciding on an application, it is policy that the responsible authority considers whether the applicant has taken all reasonable steps to mitigate any visual impacts of the proposal.

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Policy references

A Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities in Victoria, 2004.

Draft Telecommunications Facility Policy, City of Casey, 2004.