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This policy applies to land which may be used for the mining of mineral sands or associated activities

**Policy Basis**

Deposits of mineral sands lie within the Yarriambiack Shire. The mining of these deposits could have economic, social, and environmental significance on the Shire and region.

**Objectives**

To facilitate and encourage the exploitation of mineral sand deposits to enhance the economy of the municipality and region.

To allow mining, processing and associated research in an environmentally sensitive manner and with regard to the amenity of adjacent land.

To enable the establishment of buildings and works necessary for such operations.

To ensure that all land disturbed by mining operations is appropriately rehabilitated, in a form capable of supporting its previous use.

**Policy**

It is policy that any applications to use or develop land for sand mining demonstrates:

- The social, economic, and environmental impacts of mining of the mineral sands on the municipality.
- The impact of proposed removal of native vegetation for establishment of site(s) and access roads.
- That a sustainable operations management plan has been developed, including hours and days of operation, handling of wastes produced, disposal of waste water, potential effect on groundwater resources, dust and noise emission controls, erosion prevention control works, vermin, pest animal and environmental weeds control.
- The impact of proposed access and egress to the site(s) on the road network.
- The visual impact of proposed site works.