

Attachment H: State-wide amendments to wind energy planning policy

The table below summarise the key policy changes to how wind energy facilities are assessed in Victoria.

Amendment No.	Key elements
VC78 (15/03/2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a plan showing all dwellings within two kilometres of a proposed wind turbine. Requires a concept plan showing associated transmission infrastructure, electricity utility works and access roads. Replaced the 1998 New Zealand Standard - NZS6808 with the new 2010 version. Removed the Minister's decision-making powers regarding wind energy facilities, making the council the responsible authority. Incorporated the <i>Policy and Planning Guidelines for Wind Energy Facilities</i> into Planning Schemes.
VC82 (29/08/2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified areas of Victoria where wind farms are prohibited. Introduced a prohibition across Victoria for proposed wind turbines located within two kilometres of a dwelling, unless the written consent of dwelling owners is provided. Introduced transitional arrangements also exempted certain existing planning permits from this prohibition. Alter the status of the Guidelines to a reference document rather than an Incorporated Document
VC91 (31/07/2012)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified that the requirement, to obtain written consent from dwelling owners located within two kilometres of a proposed wind turbine, does not apply to a proposed wind turbine in a residential and industrial, a business or a special purpose zone.
VC113 (31/07/2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables minor amendments to be considered to a planning permit issued prior to 15 March 2011 Enables proponents to upgrade the proposed wind turbine technology while providing the opportunity to reduce noise impacts
VC124 (02/04/2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced the allowable distance of a proposed wind turbine to a dwelling from two kilometres to one kilometre (consent is required from an owner to locate a proposed wind turbine closer than one kilometre to the dwelling) Clarifies the application of the one kilometre rule to applications for minor amendments to existing permits Made the Minister for Planning the responsible authority for all new wind farm planning permit applications.
VC125 (11/06/2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed the definition of Wind energy facility to include the use of the transmission or distribution system of power lines to connect the wind energy facility to the electricity network to enable assessment by the Minister for Planning.