

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: DAMS

This checklist sets out the information you need to provide to Council when applying for a planning permit to construct a dam. A planning permit is not required to construct a dam if a licence is required under the *Water Act 1989*. You can check by contacting the relevant Catchment Management Authority whose details are at the end of this checklist. If a licence is not required under the *Water Act 1989*, then a planning permit is required from Council.

Council requires certain information to be provided in order to properly assess your application against the planning controls contained in the Pyrenees Planning Scheme. To ensure that your application can be processed quickly and efficiently, it is important that all the relevant information is included.

An application to construct a dam must be accompanied by the following information:

Standard information to be provided with all applications:

- **A fully completed and signed application form.** The application form can be obtained from the Statutory Planning page on Council's website.
- **A full current copy of Title** for the land, including current ownership details, title plan and a full copy of any registered covenants, restrictions or Section 173 Agreements that apply to the land. The copy of Title must be clearly legible and no older than 3 months. A copy of the Title can be obtained by contacting the Victorian Land Titles Office on (03) 8636 2456 or download a copy from <https://www.landata.vic.gov.au>.
- **The prescribed application fee.** Please refer to the fee schedule on Council's website or contact Council's Statutory Planning Unit to determine the applicable fee.

Plans to support the proposal:

- A proposed site layout plan drawn at a scale of 1:100 or 1:200 which includes, as appropriate:
 - the boundaries and dimensions of the site.
 - Adjoining roads.
 - The location of all existing buildings and their proximity in relation to title boundaries.
 - Relevant ground levels.
 - The location of the proposed dam and its set back from the boundaries of the site.
 - Any proposed landscaping or vegetation within the site.
 - The location of existing or proposed septic tanks or effluent fields including their set back from any watercourse, waterway, or dam.

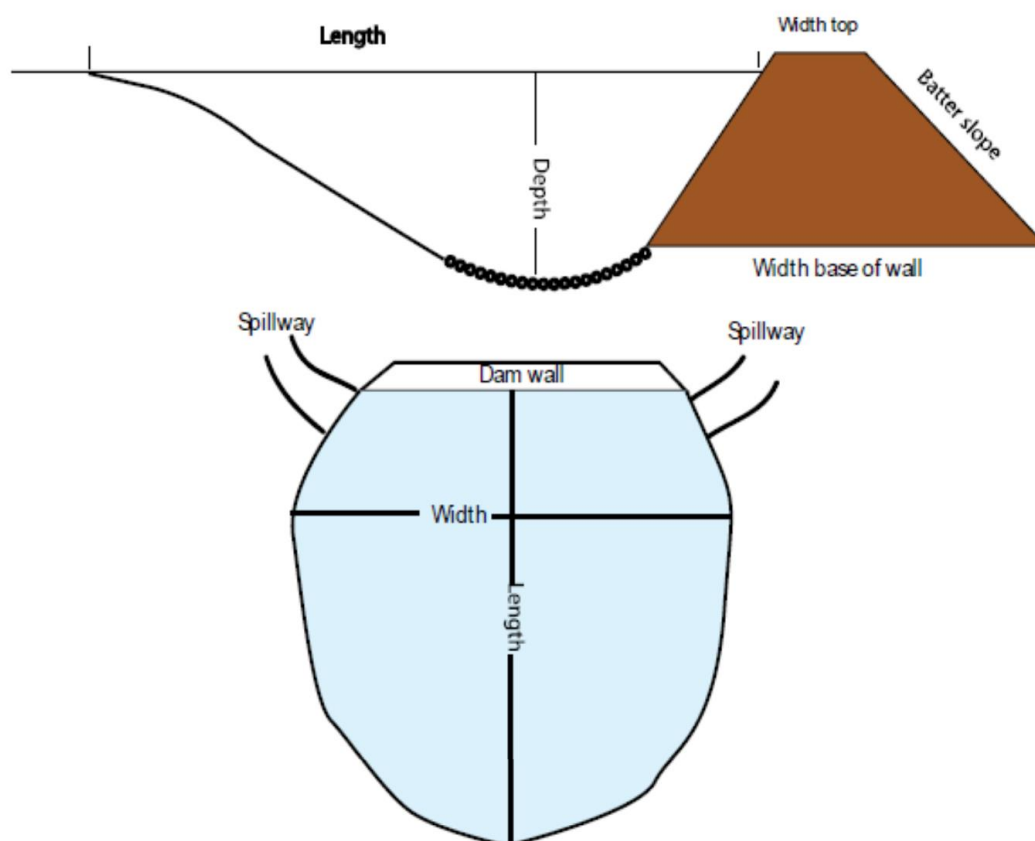


- Fully dimensioned plans and sections drawn at a scale of 1:100 or 1:200 which includes:
 - The length and width of the dam.
 - The capacity of the dam in megalitres
 - Cross sections of the dam including:
 - Width at base of dam wall.
 - Width at top of dam wall.
 - Depth and length.
 - Slope of batters.
 - Details of dams construction materials, including any spillway (it is suggested that the wall of the dam to have a suitable foundation and be constructed of compacted clay material so as to be completely stable and watertight and that the spillway be constructed of rock or a similar non-erodible material).
 - Any water diversion mechanisms.
 - Any erosion or native vegetation protection measures

Other information to support the application:

- A written description about the purpose of the dam.

Example of the required plan and section of the dam





Some other relevant things to consider.

Does the dam also need to be registered under the Water Act?

From the start of 2011 in Victoria, all new or proposed alterations to domestic, stock water and lifestyle dams located on a parcel of land smaller than 8 hectares within the Rural Living Zone, Low Density Residential Zone, Residential Zone, Green Wedge Zone or Township Zone are required to be registered with the relevant water licensing authority before the dam is constructed. The relevant water licensing authorities that have jurisdiction within the municipality are outlined at the end of the checklist. The registration of a dam (as opposed to the licensing under the Water Act 1989) does not exempt the need for a planning permit, if one is required.

Useful reference documents for water and dam construction

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) 'water' website provides useful information regarding water and dams. Please visit www.water.vic.gov.au to get more information including the publications 'Questions & Answers: New regulations for household dams, DSE 2011' and 'Your Dam, Your Responsibility, DSE 2007'.

Pre-application

Before you submit an application for the construction of a dam, it may be useful to have a pre-application meeting with the Statutory Planning Unit to ensure that any preliminary issues or concerns are addressed before your application is submitted. Please contact the Statutory Planning Unit to arrange a pre-application meeting.