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## RESIDENTIAL RETICULATED GAS SERVICE CONNECTION

### Purpose

To prohibit residential reticulated gas connections to new dwellings, new apartment developments and new residential subdivisions.

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### Application

This clause applies to an application for a permit under any provision of this scheme that is for or includes:

- construction of a new dwelling (other than a caretaker's house) or a new apartment development.
- the subdivision of land where the subdivision provides for or is for one or more purposes that include residential development.

This clause does not apply to an application for a permit that is solely for:

- the alteration or extension of an existing dwelling or apartment development.
- the subdivision of land or a building to create lots each containing an existing dwelling or apartment.
- the subdivision of land or a building to create lots each of which are intended to contain a dwelling or an apartment authorised by a planning permit that has been issued for the land.

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### Building and works requirement

A permit must not be granted for construction of a new dwelling or a new apartment development that is to be connected to a reticulated gas service.

A permit granted for buildings and works in relation to an application to which this clause applies must include the following mandatory condition(s) as relevant:

For a dwelling:

*"Any new dwelling allowed by this permit must not be connected to a reticulated gas service (within the meaning of clause 53.03 of the relevant planning scheme). This condition continues to have force and effect after the development authorised by this permit has been completed."*

For an apartment development:

*"Any new apartment development allowed by this permit must not be connected to a reticulated gas service (within the meaning of clause 53.03 of the relevant planning scheme). This condition continues to have force and effect after the development authorised by this permit has been completed."*

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### Subdivision requirement

A permit must not be granted for a subdivision that includes a lot that is to be connected to a reticulated gas service. This does not apply to:

- a lot that will not be used for, or include, a dwelling; or
- a lot that contains an existing dwelling or apartment; or
- a lot where a permit has been granted for a dwelling or apartment on the land in the lot.

A permit granted for subdivision in relation to an application to which this clause applies must include the following mandatory condition:

*"Any lot shown on the endorsed plan must not be connected to a reticulated gas service (within the meaning of clause 53.03 of the relevant planning scheme). This does not apply to:*

- a lot that will not be used for, or include, a dwelling; or
- a lot that contains an existing dwelling or apartment; or
- a lot where a permit has been granted for a dwelling or apartment on the land in the lot.

*This condition continues to have force and effect after a statement of compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988 has been issued and the subdivision authorised by this permit has been completed."*

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#### **Application requirements**

An application for a permit to which this clause applies must, in addition to those application requirements specified elsewhere in the scheme, be accompanied by details of the proposed energy provision other than a connection to a reticulated gas service, as appropriate, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

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#### **Transitional provisions**

The requirements of this clause introduced by Amendment VC250 do not apply to:

- An application lodged before the approval date of Amendment VC250.
- An application for an amendment to a permit under section 72 of the Act with respect to a permit issued in accordance with the above transitional provision.

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#### **Definitions**

In this clause:

**Connected to a reticulated gas service** means:

- In the case of a building, reticulated natural gas is directly supplied to the building. This does not include liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).
- In the case of a subdivision for residential purposes, reticulated natural gas is directly supplied to a lot. This does not include liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

**New dwelling** means:

- A new building, buildings, or part of a building, constructed to be used as a dwelling (other than a caretaker's house) not including the alteration or extension of an existing dwelling.
- A new building, buildings, or part of a building, connected to an existing dwelling and constructed to be used as a separate dwelling (other than a caretaker's house), provided the use does not incorporate any part of what was the gross floor area (excluding external or party walls) of the existing dwelling.
- A new outbuilding or swimming pool associated with an existing or proposed dwelling, provided it is not within the gross floor area (excluding external or party walls) of an existing dwelling.

It does not include a new apartment development.

**New apartment development** means a new building, buildings, or part of a building, constructed to contain one or more apartments, whether or not any other use is provided for, but does not include the extension or alteration of, or the addition of new apartments to, an existing apartment development.