

Little  
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Creek  
Environmental  
Significance  
Overlay (ESO)

# Stormwater Treatment Assessment Application Form



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The Little Stringybark Creek Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) has been introduced into the Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme to improve the health of the Little Stringybark Creek catchment area in Mt Evelyn.

Under the ESO, a planning permit is now required for any buildings or works that would increase the hard surface area (impervious surface) within a property by more than 10m<sup>2</sup>. For example, a proposal to extend an existing dwelling, construct a shed or garage, or construct a driveway on a site that creates more than 10m<sup>2</sup> of additional impervious surfaces will now require a permit under the ESO.

In order to obtain a planning permit for works under the ESO, you must provide Council with a Stormwater Treatment Plan approved by a recognised assessor. This needs to demonstrate that any proposed increase in hard surface area within your site will be offset by an appropriate stormwater retention and treatment system.

Melbourne Water has recognised Stormwater Treatment Assessors who can assist you to determine the best possible treatment options for your property and those that will meet the permit requirements of the Little Stringybark Creek Environmental Significance Overlay.

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**There is no cost to you for the Assessor's visit.**

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To request a site visit from an recognised Stormwater Treatment Assessor and assistance in preparing the Stormwater Treatment Plan, you must first complete this ESO Stormwater Treatment Assessment Application Form and submit it to Melbourne Water's Land Development Team, with an appropriate site plan attached.

This application form and a copy of your site plan can be submitted electronically via [land.development@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:land.development@melbournewater.com.au) or hard copy via post to: Land Development Team, Melbourne Water, PO Box 4342 Melbourne VIC 3001.

Please note that during the site visit, the Stormwater Treatment Assessor may be required to take photos of your property to inform the Stormwater Treatment Plan.

**Please contact Melbourne Water's Land Development Team on 9679 7517 if you have any further queries about the application process.**

**Description of proposed works (no more than 100 words):**

**Applicant details:**

Surname/company: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property details:**

Street number: \_\_\_\_\_ Street name: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

**Works proposed:**

Please provide information on the proposed new buildings or works that will result in an increase in the amount of impervious/hard surfaces on your property by more than 10m<sup>2</sup>. Examples of hard surfaces include paving, new outbuildings (sheds) and/or additions to dwellings.

Area of additional impervious surface (m<sup>2</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

Property size/area (m<sup>2</sup>)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* This can be obtained from Yarra Ranges Council Geographical Information Systems repository online at [www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/eServices/Online\\_Maps](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/eServices/Online_Maps)

**Site plan of works and treatment measures:**

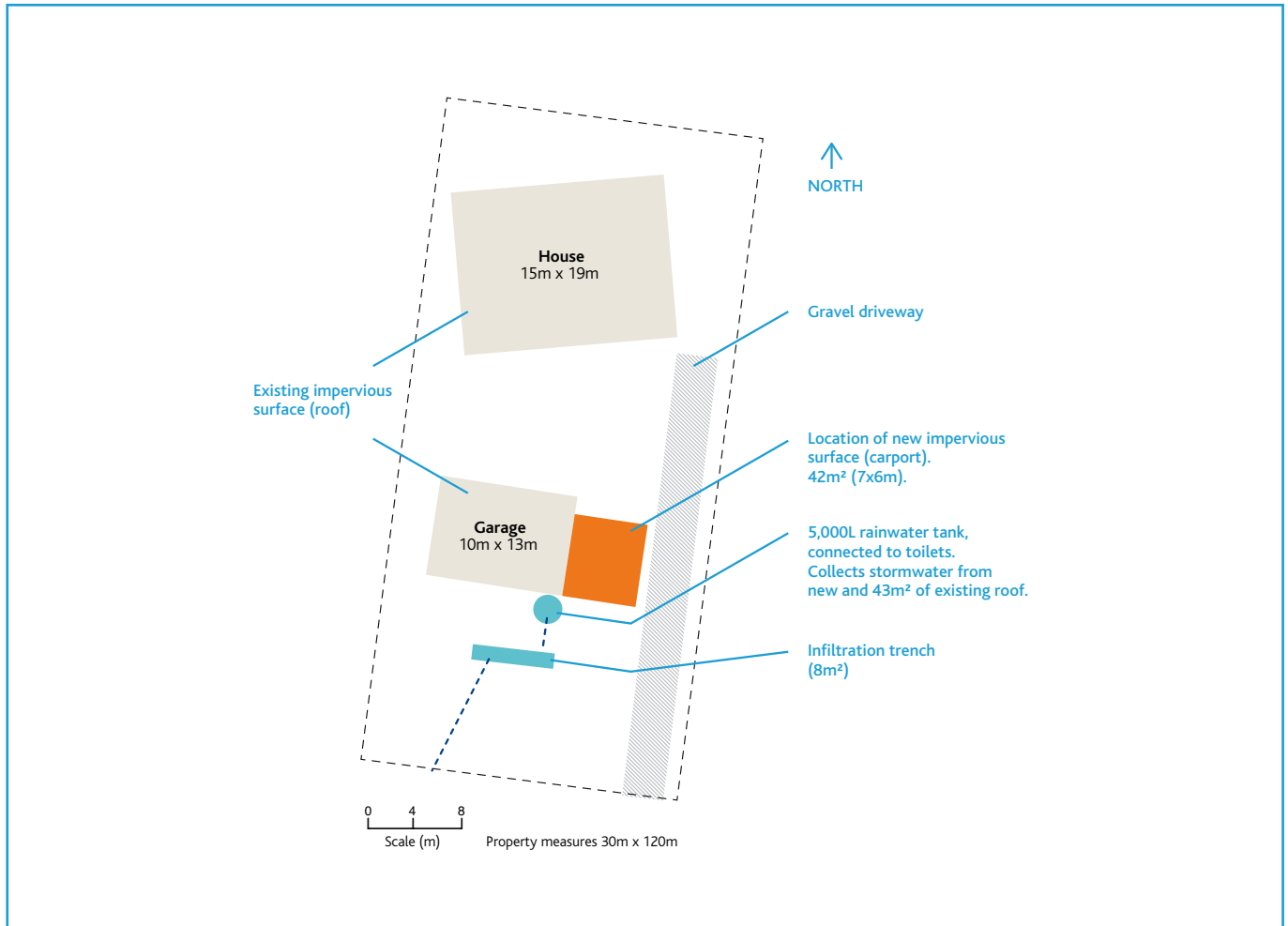
An A4 or larger sketch of the site must be provided that shows the following, as applicable:

- The boundaries and dimensions of the property\*
- The location of existing impervious (hard) surfaces
- The location of any proposed area of hard surface
- The location of any proposed treatment measures.†
- The location of any septic system if applicable.

\* All elements must be appropriately labelled. The Yarra Ranges Council Geographical Information System repository [www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/eServices/Online\\_Maps](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/eServices/Online_Maps) can provide quality aerial photographs that can be used as the basis for your plan. Please refer to the example below of the type of site plan that will need to be submitted to Melbourne Water.

† The Stormwater Treatment Assessor can assist in determining the best treatment option for your property if this has not yet been determined.

**Example site plan**



Tick here to confirm a separate site plan has been attached to this application.

**Proposed stormwater treatment measures (as applicable):**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rainwater tank      | <input type="checkbox"/> Raingarden    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infiltration trench | <input type="checkbox"/> Porous paving | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know/undecided |

**Preferred site visit time:**

Weekday: \_\_\_\_\_  Morning  Afternoon  Evening

Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_  Morning  Afternoon  Evening

Specific dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

# Additional Information for Applicants

## Timing of treatment assessor visit

Melbourne Water will arrange for a Stormwater Treatment Assessor to contact you to schedule a visit within 10 business days of Melbourne Water's Land Development Team receiving your application form.

## Obtaining approval for the Stormwater Treatment Plan

Once the Stormwater Treatment Plan has been prepared and signed off by the approved Stormwater Treatment Assessor, a letter will be provided to you consenting to the proposal under the ESO.

## Obtaining a planning permit for development under the ESO

This letter, in addition to the approved Stormwater Treatment Plan and the relevant site plan should then be submitted to Yarra Ranges Council who will issue the planning permit.

## Timing of process

Depending on your availability, the site visit, Stormwater Treatment Plan preparation and final approval should be completed within 28 days of your application being received by Melbourne Water. Please note any changes required to the plans as a result of Council requirements (not related to the ESO) may extend the application period.

We recommend you discuss whether the ESO will be the only requirement for development with Council first, before seeking consent and assistance in preparing the Stormwater Treatment Plan.

Please also refer to *Little Stringybark Creek ESO – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* for further information about the process.

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