

A Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) is to be submitted with every Development Application. It should provide details of the environmental effects of the development and how these may be mitigated within the proposal.

1. Details of Development

This section provides details of the proposed development, the site and the surrounding area.

- ▶ Provide a description of the development, in accordance with that provided on the application form.
- ▶ Provide a brief analysis of the site, including:
 - a) A general description of the site and its surroundings. This could include physical features of the site such as shape, slope, vegetation and waterways, solar access in winter and summer, prevailing wind direction.
 - b) Consideration of the wider context, for example the size and scale of the adjacent properties and the materials they are constructed from, setbacks, location of private open space.
- ▶ How does the proposal respond to this site analysis?
 - a) Describe what steps you have taken to ensure that the proposal sits comfortably within the surrounding area described in the analysis.

2. Compliance with Council Requirements

Council will assess your proposal against relevant policies within the *Local Environmental Plan (LEP)* and *Bega Valley Development Control Plan 2013 (DCP)*. If your proposal is not in accordance with all the policy requirements then you should provide a justification as to why (making reference to the policies).

Complete the table below.

LEP 2013 Requirements

Principal Development Standards	LEP Clause(s)	Complies		Variation Sought
Zone Objectives	2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Where a variation is sought, address Clause 4.6 of the LEP and provide justification in space provided below. <i>(See note below for criteria that is required to be addressed as part of the application to vary a Development Standard).</i>
Minimum lot sizes for dwellings	4.1A	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Erection of dwellings on certain rural, residential and environmentally zoned land <i>(ie does the lot have a dwelling entitlement?)</i>	4.2A	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Height of Building	4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	metres	
Floor Space Ratio	4.4 & 4.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	FSR	
Check if the following clauses apply to your development and indicate compliance or otherwise.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Development below Mean High Watermark	5.7			
<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Conservation	5.10			
<input type="checkbox"/> Acid Sulfate Soils	6.1			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earthworks	6.2			
<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Planning	6.3			
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Risk Planning	6.4			
<input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Biodiversity	6.5			
<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Land and Water Courses	6.6			
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally Sensitive Areas	6.7			

Specify any variations proposed:

NOTE: The application must:

- ▶ address whether strict compliance with the standard, in the particular case, would be unreasonable or unnecessary and why, and
- ▶ demonstrate that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

In the justification, please demonstrate the following criteria:

1. that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and
2. that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the development standard.
3. the compliance with development standard is unreasonable or inappropriate due to existing use of land and current environmental character of the particular parcel of land.

Development Control Plan

Residential Development Standards	DCP Section	Complies	Variation Sought
<input type="checkbox"/> Character and form	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Where a variation is sought, address Clause 1.8 of the DCP and provide justification in space provided below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Context and articulation		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Privacy and open space			
Overshadowing			
Facilities			
Views			
Setbacks		metres	
Energy and solar access			
Excavation			
Landscaping		%	
Waste management			
Rural Development Standards	4		
Buffers			
Setbacks		metres	
Environmental zones			
General Requirements	5		
Heritage			
Onsite sewage management			
Carparking		No. of spaces	
Engineering Requirements	6		
Parking and driveways			
Soil and water management			

3. Privacy, Views, Overshadowing and Noise

It is important that your development does not have an adverse impact on your neighbours. The following questions will help to assess this.

- ▶ How does the proposal ensure that the privacy of neighbouring properties has not been affected? Consider the following:
 - a) Placement of windows;
 - b) Views between main rooms and private areas (i.e. rear yards);
 - c) Use of screening, planting and fences to improve privacy;
 - d) Decks, terraces and balconies can be intrusive if not sensitively designed.

- ▶ How does the proposal ensure that there is no loss of views from neighbouring properties? Consider the following:
 - a) Impact of the proposed development on views from adjoining or nearby buildings;
 - b) Specific design options for protecting views.

- ▶ How does the proposal ensure that there will be no overshadowing of neighbouring properties? Consider the following:
 - a) Analysis of overshadowing, including any shadow diagrams;
 - b) Distances between buildings;
 - c) Shadowing from existing buildings or structures;
 - d) Topography / slope.

- ▶ How does the proposal ensure that there will be no unacceptable noise impact on neighbouring properties? Consider the following:
 - a) Distances between properties;
 - b) Location of new outdoor areas;
 - c) Vehicular movement;
 - d) Placement of air conditioners, pumps and new room windows that could open;
 - e) Acoustic treatment, such as pump housing/ rooms or fencing.

Alongside this document, please ensure submitted plans illustrate mitigation of these issues for the proposed development (including installation of lights, planting screens, walls and fences, window placements and views between living rooms).
If your proposal is likely to create significant noise pollution, please ensure a report from an Acoustic Consultant is submitted.

4. Trees and Vegetation

If any trees are going to be removed, pruned or affected in any way as part of the proposal it is important that appropriate consideration is given at the assessment stage.

- ▶ Does the proposal affect or involve the removal or pruning of any trees on the site?
 - a) If so, please provide details of the proposed tree works and ensure that trees to be removed are clearly shown on the plans.
 - b) If the impacts and/ or trees affected are considered to be significant, you may need to provide an Arborist Report or additional information with the submission documents or during the application process.

5. Access and Traffic

- Does the proposal involve any new access arrangements to the site? If so, please provide details of the new access arrangements and ensure that they are clearly marked on the plans.
- Does the proposal involve any new parking requirements? If so, please provide details of the parking arrangements, including the number of spaces provided.
- Is legal and practical access available to the site?

6. Stormwater and Sewerage

These need to be appropriately addressed in order to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the ground water or water ways.

- Stormwater is rainwater along with anything else that is carried with it. In order to avoid the risk of flooding it is important that it is dealt with efficiently. How will stormwater be disposed of? Please ensure that details are provided on the plans as required.
 - a) Existing council drainage system; or
 - b) Other.

- a) To existing sewer; or
- b) On-site system (i.e. septic tank). Please provide details both in this document and on your plans.

7. Demolition and Asbestos (if applicable)

Many proposals require the existing structures on site to be removed before the new development can begin. It is important that demolition is dealt with appropriately in these instances.

Does the proposal involve any demolition of any buildings or other structures?

- a) If so, please describe what is being demolished.
- b) How will the waste material be disposed of?
- c) Is there any known asbestos material on the site that will be disturbed as a result of the demolition works?
If yes, please provide details of how this will be disposed of.

8. Cut and Fill (if applicable)

Please provide details if the proposal requires any cut and fill of more than 600mm across the site.

- Does the proposal involve any cut and fill?
 - a) If so, please provide the details on the extent of the cut and fill and ensure that this is shown clearly on the plans.
 - b) How will the importing or removal of material to the site be managed?
 - c) Please provide details of how any surface of stormwater arising from the cut and fill will be dealt with within the site.

10. Change of Use, Additional Use and Existing Use Rights (if applicable)

Some existing uses are not always permitted in certain zones. However, due to the length of time it has been used in such a way, or other potential reasons, sometimes this use retains existing use rights. In order to ensure this detail is considered, the following information should be submitted where appropriate:

- Proposed use;
- Current use and date commenced;
- Previous uses (and dates commenced and ceased); and
- Proof of continuous use.

This information should also be submitted for all changes of use or additional use applications in order to consider any effect of the existing or past uses.

11. Construction Management Plan

- Please provide details of how any potential impacts during construction will be reduced. Consider noise, dust, traffic, hours of work and deliveries.
- Please provide any other details that you consider will be relevant to the determination of your application that have not been covered elsewhere.

12. Ongoing Waste Management

- Please provide details of the likely ongoing waste management arrangements for the proposal. This includes bin storage areas and access, bin types and whether onsite or kerb side pick-up is proposed.

13. Schedule of Materials

- Please provide details of the proposed materials and finishes for the proposal, including colour, texture, reflectivity and composition. These materials should be cross referenced with, or included on, the appropriate plans to ensure easy identification of the finish for specific building elements.

14. Other Details

- Please provide any other details that you consider will be relevant to the determination of your application that have not been covered elsewhere.