



Ararat Rural City

## ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL

### INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION

S14 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION BY CEO FOR VICSMART  
APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987

18 NOVEMBER 2025

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### Ararat Rural City Council

In exercise of the power conferred by s 47(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 and s 188 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, I, Dr Tim Harrison as Chief Executive Officer of Ararat Rural City Council and the responsible authority for the administration and enforcement of the Ararat Rural City Council Planning Schemes set out in cl 72.01 of that scheme, for the VicSmart Application and cl 53.24 for Future Homes Applications, by this Instrument of Delegation

1. delegate each duty and/or function and/or power respectively described in column 1 of the Schedule (and summarised in column 2 of the Schedule) to the member of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the office or position respectively described in column 3 of the Schedule;
2. record that a reference in the Schedule to  
MDR means Manager Development and Regulation  
N/A means Not Applicable  
NOT means Not delegated below CEO  
PDO1 means Planning and Development Officer 1  
PDO2 means Planning and Development Officer 2  
PO2 means Planning Officer 2  
PDOs means All Planning and Development Officers  
POs means All Planning Officers
3. declare that this Instrument of Delegation -  
3.1 comes into force immediately upon its execution;  
3.2 remains in force until varied or revoked; and  
3.3 is subject to any conditions and limitations set out in paragraph 4, and in the Schedule;
4. declare that the delegate must not determine the issue, take the action or do the act or thing if the determining of the issue, the taking of the action or the doing of the act or thing cannot be the subject of a lawful delegation, whether on account of s 188 Planning and Environment Act 1987 or otherwise.


This Instrument of Delegation is dated 18 November 2025 and is made by the Chief Executive Officer.

Signed by



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Dr Tim Harrison  
Chief Executive Officer of Council  
Ararat Rural City Council

in the presence of:



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Witness

#### **Delegation Sources**

- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Planning and Environment Regulations 2015
- Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016

**S14 Instrument of Delegation by CEO for VicSmart Applications under the Planning and Environment Act 1987**

Planning and Environment Act 1987			
Provision	Power and Functions Delegated	Delegate	Conditions and Limitations
s 50(4)	Duty to amend application	MDR	
s 50(5)	Power to refuse to amend application	MDR	
s 50(6)	Duty to make note of amendment to application in register	MDR, PDOs	
s 50A(1)	Power to make amendment to application	MDR	
s 50A(3)	Power to require applicant to notify owner and make a declaration that notice has been given	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 50A(4)	Duty to note amendment to application in register	PDO1, MDR, POs	
s 51	Duty to make a copy of every application and the prescribed information supplied in respect of the application available in accordance with the public availability requirements	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 52(1)(a)	Duty to give notice of the application to owners/occupiers of adjoining allotments unless satisfied that the grant of permit would not cause material detriment to any person	MEMO2, MDR, PO2	Applicable for Future Homes Applications only  Note: VicSmart Applications are exempt from the notice requirements under s 52(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d).
s 52(1)(b)	Duty to give notice of the application to other municipal council where appropriate	MEMO2, MDR, PO2	Applicable for Future Homes Applications only  Note: VicSmart Applications are exempt from the notice requirements under s 52(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d).
s 52(1)(c)	Duty to give notice of the application to all persons required by the planning scheme	MEMO2, MDR, PO2	Applicable for Future Homes Applications only  Note: VicSmart Applications are exempt from the notice requirements under s 52(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d).
s 52(1)(ca)	Duty to give notice of the application to owners and occupiers of land benefited by a registered restrictive covenant if may result in breach of	MDR, POs, PDOs	

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	covenant		
s 52(1)(cb)	Duty to give notice of the application to owners and occupiers of land benefited by a registered restrictive covenant if application is to remove or vary the covenant	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 52(1)(d)	Duty to give notice of the application to other persons who may be detrimentally effected	MEMO2, MDR, PO2	Applicable for Future Homes Applications only  Note: VicSmart Applications are exempt from the notice requirements under s 52(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d).
s 52(3)	Power to give any further notice of an application where appropriate	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 53(1)	Power to require the applicant to give notice under s 52(1) to persons specified by it	N/A	
s 53(1A)	Power to require the applicant to give the notice under s 52(1AA)	NOT	
s 54(1)	Power to require the applicant to provide more information	MDR, POs, PDOs	Note: for VicSmart applications, clause 71.06 of the planning scheme provides that delegates cannot require an applicant to provide more information than what is listed in clauses 59.01 – 59.16 of the planning scheme, which ever clause is relevant to the application
s 54(1A)	Duty to give notice in writing of information required under s 54(1)	MDR, POs, PDOs	Note: for VicSmart applications, clause 71.06 of the planning scheme provides that delegates cannot require an applicant to provide more information than what is listed in clauses 59.01 – 59.16 of the planning scheme, which ever clause is relevant to the application
s 54(1B)	Duty to specify the lapse date for an application	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 54A(3)	Power to decide to extend time or refuse to extend time to give required information	MDR	
s 54A(4)	Duty to give written notice of decision to extend	MDR,	



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	or refuse to extend time under s 54A(3)	POs, PDOs	
s 55(1)	Duty to give copy application, together with the prescribed information, to every referral authority specified in the planning scheme	PO1, MDR, PO2	
s 57(2A)	Power to reject objections considered made primarily for commercial advantage for the objector	MDR	
s 57(3)	Function of receiving name and address of persons to whom notice of decision is to go	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 57(5)	Duty to make a copy of every objection available in accordance with the public availability requirements	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 57A(4)	Duty to amend application in accordance with applicant's request, subject to s 57A(5)	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 57A(5)	Power to refuse to amend application	MDR	
s 57A(6)	Duty to note amendments to application in register	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 57B(1)	Duty to determine whether and to whom notice should be given	MDR, POs	
s 57B(2)	Duty to consider certain matters in determining whether notice should be given	MDR, POs	
s 57C(1)	Duty to give copy of amended application to referral authority	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 58	Duty to consider every application for a permit	MDR	
s 58A	Power to request advice from the Planning Application Committee	N/A	
s 59(1)	Power to decide an application without delay	MDR	
s 60	Duty to consider certain matters	PO1, MDR,	Note: VicSmart applications are exempt from the requirements of s 60(1)(b), (c), (e) and (f).

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		PO2	
s 60(1)(a)	Duty to consider the relevant planning scheme	MDR	Note: VicSmart applications are exempt from the requirements of s 60(1)(b), (c), (e) and (f).
s 60(1)(d)	Duty to consider any decision and comments of a referral authority which has been received	MDR, POs, PDOs	Note: VicSmart applications are exempt from the requirements of s 60(1)(b), (c), (e) and (f).
s 60(1A)(i)	Power to consider any agreement made pursuant to s 173	MDR	Note: VicSmart applications are exempt from the requirements of s 60(1A)(b) - (h) and (j).
s 60(1B)	Duty to consider the number of objectors in considering whether use or development may have significant social effect	MDR	
s 61(1)	Power to determine permit application, either to decide to grant a permit, to decide to grant a permit with conditions or to refuse a permit application	MDR	The permit must not be inconsistent with a cultural heritage management plan under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006
s 61(2)	Duty to decide to refuse to grant a permit if a relevant determining referral authority objects to grant of permit	MDR	
s 61(2A)	Power to decide to refuse to grant a permit if a relevant recommending referral authority objects to the grant of permit	MDR	
s 61(3)(a)	Duty not to decide to grant a permit to use coastal Crown land without Minister's consent	N/A	
s 61(3)(b)	Duty to refuse to grant the permit without the Minister's consent	N/A	
s 61(4)	Duty to refuse to grant the permit if grant would authorise a breach of a registered restrictive covenant	MDR	
s 62(1)	Duty to include certain conditions in deciding to grant a permit	MDR, POs	
s 62(2)	Power to include other conditions	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 62(4)	Duty to ensure conditions are consistent with	MDR,	

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	paragraphs (a),(b) and (c)	POs, PDOs	
s 62(5)(a)	Power to include a permit condition to implement an approved development contributions plan or an approved infrastructure contributions plan	MDR	
s 62(5)(b)	Power to include a permit condition that specified works be provided on or to the land or paid for in accordance with s 173 agreement	MDR	
s 62(5)(c)	Power to include a permit condition that specified works be provided or paid for by the applicant	MDR	
s 62(6)(a)	Duty not to include a permit condition requiring a person to pay an amount for or provide works except in accordance with s 46N(1), 46GV(7) or 62(5)	MDR	
s 62(6)(b)	Duty not to include a permit condition requiring a person to pay an amount for or provide works except a condition that a planning scheme requires to be included as referred to in s 62(1)(a)	MDR	
s 63	Duty to issue the permit where made a decision in favour of the application (if no one has objected)	MDR	
s 64(5)	Duty to give each objector a copy of an exempt decision	MDR, POs, PDOs	Note: VicSmart and Future Home applications are exempt from requirements of s 64(1), (2) and (3)  This provision applies also to a decision to grant an amendment to a permit - see s 75
s 64A	Duty not to issue permit until the end of a period when an application for review may be lodged with VCAT or until VCAT has determined the application, if a relevant recommending referral authority has objected to the grant of a permit	PDO1, MDR	This provision applies also to a decision to grant an amendment to a permit - see s 75A
s 65(1)	Duty to give notice of refusal to grant permit to applicant and person who objected under s 57	PDO1, MDR	



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s 66(1)	Duty to give notice under ss 64 or 65 and copy permit to relevant determining referral authorities	PDO1, MDR	
s 66(2) & (3)	Duty to give a recommending referral authority notice of its decision to grant a permit in the specified circumstances, and include any conditions to which the permit will be subject	PDO1, MDR	If the recommending referral authority objected to the grant of the permit or the responsible authority decided not to include a condition on the permit recommended by the recommending referral authority
s 66(4) & (5)	Duty to give a recommending referral authority notice of its decision to refuse to grant a permit in the circumstances specified, and include the information required under s 66(5)	PDO1, MDR	If the recommending referral authority objected to the grant of the permit or the recommending referral authority recommended that a permit condition be included on the permit
s 66(6)	Duty to give a recommending referral authority a copy of any permit which Council decides to grant and a copy of any notice given under ss 64 or 65	PDO1, MDR	If the recommending referral authority did not object to the grant of the permit or the recommending referral authority did not recommend that a condition be included on the permit
s 69(1)	Function of receiving application for extension of time of permit	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 69(1A)	Function of receiving application for extension of time to complete development	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 69(2)	Power to extend time	MDR	
s 70	Duty to make a copy of every permit that it issues available in accordance with the public availability requirements	MDR, POs, PDOs	
s 71(1)	Power to correct certain mistakes	PDO1, MDR	
s 71(2)	Duty to note corrections in register	PDO1, MDR	
s 73	Power to decide to grant amendment subject to conditions	MDR	
s 74	Duty to issue amended permit to applicant if no objectors	PDO1, MDR	
s 76	Duty to give applicant and objectors notice of	PDO1,	

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Provision	Power and Functions Delegated	Delegate	Conditions and Limitations
	decision to refuse to grant amendment to permit	MDR	
s 76A(1)	Duty to give relevant determining referral authorities copy of amended permit and copy of notice	PDO1, MDR	
s 76A(2) & (3)	Duty to give a recommending referral authority notice of its decision to grant an amendment to a permit in the circumstances specified, and include any conditions to which the permit will be subject	PDO1, MDR	If the recommending referral authority objected to the amendment of the permit or the responsible authority decided not to include a condition on the amended permit recommended by the recommending referral authority
s 76A(4) & (5)	Duty to give a recommending referral authority notice of its decision to refuse to grant an amendment to a permit in the circumstances specified, and include the information required under s 76A(5)	PDO1, MDR	If the recommending referral authority objected to the amendment of the permit or the recommending referral authority recommended that a permit condition be included on the amended permit
s 76A(6)	Duty to give a recommending referral authority a copy of any amended permit which Council decides to grant and a copy of any notice given under ss 64 or 76	PDO1, MDR	If the recommending referral authority did not object to the amendment of the permit or the recommending referral authority did not recommend a condition be included on the amended permit
s 76D	Duty to comply with direction of Minister to issue amended permit	PDO1, MDR	
s 83	Function of being respondent to an appeal	MDR	
s 83B	Duty to give or publish notice of application for review	MDR	
s 84(1)	Power to decide on an application at any time after an appeal is lodged against failure to grant a permit	MDR	
s 84(2)	Duty not to issue a permit or notice of decision or refusal after an application is made for review of a failure to grant a permit	MDR	
s 84(3)	Duty to tell principal registrar if decide to grant a permit after an application is made for review of its failure to grant a permit	MDR	
s 84(6)	Duty to issue permit on receipt of advice	PDO1, MDR	

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Provision	Power and Functions Delegated	Delegate	Conditions and Limitations
s 84AB	Power to agree to confining a review by the Tribunal	MDR	
s 86	Duty to issue a permit at order of Tribunal	PDO1, MDR	
s 87(3)	Power to apply to VCAT for the cancellation or amendment of a permit	MDR	
s 90(1)	Function of being heard at hearing of request for cancellation or amendment of a permit	MDR	
s 91(2)	Duty to comply with the directions of VCAT	MDR	
s 91(2A)	Duty to issue amended permit to owner if Tribunal so directs	PDO1, MDR	
s 92	Duty to give notice of cancellation/amendment of permit by VCAT to persons entitled to be heard under s 90	PDO1, MDR	
s 93(2)	Duty to give notice of VCAT order to stop development	PDO1, MDR	

Planning and Environment Regulations 2015			
Provision	Power and Functions Delegated	Delegate	Conditions and Limitations
r 21	Power of responsible authority to require a permit applicant to verify information in an application for a permit or to amend a permit or any information provided under s 54 of the Act	MDR	
r 25(a)	Duty to make copy of matter considered under s 60(1A)(g) in accordance with the public availability requirements	PO1, MDR, PO2	Applicable for Future Homes Applications only

Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016			
Provision	Power and Functions Delegated	Delegate	Conditions and Limitations
r 20	Power to waive or rebate a fee other than a fee relating to an amendment to a planning scheme	MDR	
r 21	Duty to record matters taken into account and which formed the basis of a decision to waive or rebate a fee under rr 19 or 20	PDO1, MDR	

