***Instructions****: Please prepare the PRSA statement using this form, removing the notes in orange text and this instruction text before finalising.*

The purpose of a preliminary risk screen assessment is:

(a) to assess the likelihood of the presence of contaminated land; and

(b) to determine if an environmental audit is required; and

(c) if an environmental audit is required, to recommend a scope for the environmental audit.

It is important to note that a PRSA is not an environmental audit statement or an environmental audit report. It should not be misconstrued as an environmental audit conducted to assess the suitability of a site for a proposed land use, or as a statement by the auditor on the extent of contamination, if present.

Further details are provided in the preliminary risk screen assessment report that accompanies   
this statement.

Section 1: Preliminary risk screen assessment overview

Environmental auditor details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: |  |
| Company: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Email: |  |

Site owner or occupant

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: |  |
| Company: |  |

Environmental auditor engaged by

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: |  |
| Company: |  |
| Relationship to site owner: |  |

Reason for preliminary risk screen assessment:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Planning scheme: |  |
| Permit details (if applicable): | *[e.g., insert permit reference number here]* |
| Other: |  |
| Permit is attached (if applicable): |  |

Section 2: Assessment scope

Site details:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Address: | |  |
| Title details: | |  |
| Area (m2): | |  |
|  | a plan of the site is attached | |

Use or proposed use assessed:

The below section details which land uses (current and proposed) the PRSA has assessed.

Land use categories

Note that sensitive land uses in the *Environment Reference Standard 2021* (ERS 2021) are categorised as lower and high density. Lower density is where there is generally substantial access to soil and high density is restricted to developments that make maximum use of available land space, and there is minimal access to soil. For planning purposes, children’s playgrounds and secondary schools also trigger *Ministerial Direction No. 1* (MD No.1) and are therefore considered similarly to sensitive land uses.

*[Tick boxes for whichever land use categories have been assessed]*

Sensitive:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| High density:  Other (lower density):  Residential land use  Child care centre  Pre-school  Primary school  Secondary school   |  | | --- | | Children’s playground (indoor) | | Children’s playground (outdoor) | |

Other:

|  |
| --- |
| Recreation/open space |
| Parks and reserves |
| Agricultural |
| Commercial |
| Industrial |
| Other land uses not captured by the above as described here: *[Where the assessment has been based on a specific development this should be described here with plans attached to the statement as required]* |

Environmental elements assessed:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Land |
|  | all environmental values that apply to the land use category were considered **OR**  all environmental values that apply to the land use category, other than the following, were considered: |
|  |  |
|  | Water *[Tick when surface water and/or groundwater was assessed]* |
|  | Surface water |
|  | all environmental values that apply to the applicable segment were considered **OR**  all environmental values that apply to the applicable segment, other than the following, were considered: |
|  |  |
|  | Groundwater |
|  | all environmental values that apply to the applicable segment were considered **OR**  all environmental values that apply to the applicable segment, other than the following, were considered: |
|  |  |

Standards considered:

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| Environment Reference Standard 2021 |
| National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999, as amended from time to time |
| *[List other technical standards and reference materials as appropriate. This should be considered broadly as all relevant materials used to form the opinions in this statement]* |

Assumptions made during the assessment or any limitations:

Exclusions from the assessment and the rationale for these:

This statement is accompanied by the following preliminary risk screen assessment report:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Title: |  |
| Report no: |  |
| Date: |  |

Section 3: Assessment outcome

*[Tick as appropriate]*

*[Tick as appropriate and strike out those uses not assessed and for which the need for an audit has not been determined]*

**Environmental Audit Required**  **Environmental Audit Not Required**

Based on my assessment, I am of the opinion that an environmental audit is **required** *OR* **not required** for the following land uses, **including** the use or proposed use for which the site has been assessed.

Land use categories

Note that sensitive land uses in the ERS 2021 are categorised as lower and high density. Lower density is where there is generally substantial access to soil and high density is restricted to developments that make maximum use of available land space, and there is minimal access to soil. For planning purposes, children’s playgrounds and secondary schools also trigger *Ministerial Direction No. 1* (MD No.1) and are therefore considered similarly to sensitive land uses.

Sensitive:

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| --- |
| High density:   Other (lower density):  Residential land use  Child care centre  Pre-school  Primary school  Secondary school |
| Children’s playground (indoor) |
| Children’s playground (outdoor) |

Other:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Recreation/open space |
|  | Parks and reserves |
|  | Agricultural |
|  | Commercial |
|  | Industrial |
|  | Other land uses not captured by the above as described here:  *[Where the assessment has been based on a specific development this should be described here with plans attached to the statement as required]* |

*[Complete as required or delete]* Other information:

*[Complete as required or delete]* Reason for environmental audit:

*[Complete as required or delete]* Proposed scope of environmental audit

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Site to be audited: |  |
| Site/premises name |  |
| Address |  |
| Title details |  |
| Area (m2) |  |
| Use or proposed use of the site to be audited:  *Tick which use/s or proposed use/s most closely apply. Check against the ERS 2021 and identify lower and/or high-density settings for sensitive land uses. Note that for planning purposes, children’s playgrounds and secondary schools also trigger MD No.1 and are therefore considered similarly to sensitive land uses]* | **Sensitive uses:**  High density:   Other (lower density):   Residential land use  Child care centre  Pre-school  Primary school  Secondary school  Children’s playground (indoor)  Children’s playground (outdoor)  **Other uses:**  Recreation/open space  Parks and reserves  Agricultural  Commercial  Industrial  Other land uses not captured by the above as described here  (if applicable): |
| Elements of the environment to be assessed in the environmental audit: | Land  all environmental values that apply to the land use category to be considered **OR**  all environmental values that apply to the land use category, other than the following, to be considered: |
|  | Water *[Tick when surface water and/or groundwater are to be assessed]*  Surface water  all environmental values that apply to the segment to be considered **OR**  all environmental values that apply to the segment, other than the following, to be considered: |
|  | Groundwater  all environmental values that apply to the segment to be considered **OR**  all environmental values that apply to the segment, other than the following, to be considered: |
| Standards and reference documents to be considered: | Environment Reference Standard 2021  National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999, as amended from time to time.  *[List other technical standards and reference materials as appropriate. This should be considered broadly as all relevant materials that will be considered during the audit]* |
| Exclusions from the environmental audit and rationale for these: | *[If you have determined any exclusions to the elements of the environment above, include the rationale behind that here]* |
| Assumptions made or limitations on the environmental audit: |  |

Note: An assessment that an environmental audit is not required does not include any comment on as to whether responsibilities under section 39 of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (duty to manage contaminated land) exist for the person in management or control of the land. Please refer to EPA publication 1977, *Assessing and controlling contaminated land risks: A guide to meeting the duty to manage for those in management or control of land* (<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/1977>*).*

Section 4: Environmental auditor’s declaration

I state that:

* I am appointed as an environmental auditor by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*.
* The findings contained in this statement represents a true and accurate summary of the findings of the preliminary risk screen assessment that I have completed.

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| Date: |  |
| Signed: |  |
| Name: |  |
|  | Environmental Auditor |

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