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

The purpose of an environmental audit is:

1. to assess the nature and extent of the risk of harm to human health or the environment from contaminated land, waste, pollution or any activity; and
2. to recommend measures to manage the risk of harm to human health or the environment from contaminated land, waste, pollution or any activity; and
3. to make recommendations to manage the contaminated land, waste, pollution or activity.

This statement is a summary of the findings of an environmental audit conducted under Part 8.3 of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* for:

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| *<site address (including title information)> OR <activity subject to audit>* |

Further details are provided in the environmental audit report that accompanies this statement.

# Section 1: Environmental audit overview

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| Environmental audit ID number: |  |

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 the environmental audit:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Requirement under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (e.g., planning permit) |
| *[List planning permit number]* |
|  | Requirement under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (e.g., remedial notice or licence) |
| *[List notice or licence number]* |
|  | Requirement under other legislation |
|  | *[List relevant information]* |
|  | Other |
|  | *[List relevant information]* |

Nature of environmental audit:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Suitability of land use |
|  |
|  | Risk of harm from an activity |
|  |
|  | Risk of harm from contaminated land, waste, or pollution |

# Section 2: Environmental audit scope

*This section describes what occurred during the environmental audit. This may not be the same as what was proposed in the environmental audit scope submitted before the environmental audit began. If a change has occurred between the proposed scope and what was assessed, please document it in this section.*

Objective of the environmental audit:

*[Refer to section 1 for the purpose and intent of an environmental audit and section 7 Guidelines for conducting environmental audits (publication 2041) for examples of audit objectives.]*

Details of the site in respect of which the environmental audit was conducted:

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

*OR [Retain section as appropriate to the audit and delete that not required]*

Details of the activity in respect of which the environmental audit was conducted:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Activity: |  |
| Components of the activity: |  |
| Site/premises name: |  |
| Address where activity is undertaken: |  |
| Geographical extent considered in relation to the activity: |  |

*AND AS APPLICABLE [Retain or delete below section as applicable]*

Use or proposed use for which the site was audited:

Land use categories *[tick which use or proposed use/s apply]*

Note that sensitive land uses in the *Environment Reference Standard* (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:

|  |
| --- |
| 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: |

Environment elements assessed in the environmental audit:

*[Please ensure that selected environmental elements/values are clearly discussed in the audit report.* *Do not select environmental elements/values that are excluded or not assessed in the audit report.]*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Ambient air |
|  | all environmental values were considered |
|  | all environmental values other than the following were considered: |
|  |  |
|  | Ambient sound |
|  | all environmental values were considered |
|  | all environmental values other than the following were considered: |
|  |  |
|  | Land |
|  | all environmental values that apply to the land use category were considered |
|  | all environmental values that apply to the land use category, other than the following, were considered: |
|  |  |
|  | Water *[tick when surface water and/or groundwater were 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 and reference documents 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 of the relevant materials used to form the opinions in this statement]*

Assumptions made during the environmental audit or any limitations:

Exclusions from the environmental audit and the rationale for these:

This statement is accompanied by the following environmental audit report:

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

# Section 3: Results and recommendations of the environmental audit

*[If the audit assessed the use or proposed use of the site, retain the following section and select the appropriate statement to be made]*

Land use suitability

Based on my assessment of the site in relation to the risk of harm to human health or the environment from contaminated land, waste or pollution, I am of the opinion that the site is **suitable for the following land uses** [OR] **suitable for the following land uses if the recommendations I have made in this statement are complied with** [OR] **not suitable for the following land uses:**

*[Tick as appropriate and strike out those not applicable]*

Land use categories

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: |

*[Retain and complete the following section for all audits. Please ensure to briefly describe how the objective of the environmental audit was met.]*

Results of the environmental audit

Based on my assessment of the risk of harm to human health or the environment **from contaminated land/waste/pollution for the <site address>** [OR] **from the <activity subject to audit>**, I conclude that

*[briefly detail the outcome of the environmental audit]*

Recommendations:

Other related information:

# 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 information contained in this statement represents a true and accurate summary of the findings of the environmental audit that I have completed.

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

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