



Assessment Criteria: Existing Intensive Higher-Value Land Use

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- General Cropping (generally more than 20 ha plantings)
- Livestock Production (Dairy Cattle)
- Market Garden - Vegetables (generally less than 20ha plantings)
- Orchards, Groves and Plantations
- Potato
- Turf
- Vineyard

Constraints

- Urban Growth Boundary
- Urban Area
- Public or Commonwealth Land & Other excluded Planning Zones
- Area within 100km of Melbourne
- Major Roads
- Sea

* Intensive higher-value agricultural land use (as described in the Land Capability Assessment for Green Wedge and Peri-Urban Areas, Agriculture Victoria Research, 2018): Areas where intensive soil-based agriculture (e.g. potato cropping, market gardening) is carried out, usually involving cultivation and/or addition of fertiliser and amendments and usually irrigation with available water resources. More intensive livestock production (typically dairy) is included in land use mapping, occurring in higher rainfall areas and can also involve irrigation. Some general cropping (e.g. cereal production) has also been included but is more extensive in nature. Viticulture and orchard production is also included but this can occur on soils that are less suitable for other forms of intensive horticultural production where regular cultivation is required.