# 7.1.2 EXTENSION OF TIME TO PLANNING PERMIT TPA/41807 1 IVANHOE STREET GLEN WAVERLEY

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This application is for an extension of time to Planning Permit TPA/41807 for the development of five (5) double storey dwellings on land at 1 Ivanhoe Street, Glen Waverley.

The original permit was issued on the 6 May 2014.

The permit has been extended on four (4) previous occasions. The latest extension of time was granted on 30 May 2024 for the completion of the development. The current permit expired on 6 May 2025 and the development has not been completed. The development is nearing completion and is at lock-up stage.

The reason for presenting this report to Council is this is the fifth extension of time request sought for this permit, and the period of time sought to extend the permit exceeds six (6) years.

The proposed extension of time is considered consistent with the relevant provisions of the Monash Planning Scheme. It is recommended that an extension of one (1) year be granted to complete the development.

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RESPONSIBLE PLANNER:	Danielle Loh, Senior Statutory Planner
WARD:	Scotchmans Creek
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	1 Ivanhoe Street Glen Waverley
ZONING:	Neighbourhood Residential Zone (Schedule 2)
	Public Use Zone 6
OVERLAY:	Special Building Overlay
EXISTING LAND USE:	Residential
RELEVANT POLICY:	Planning Policy Framework  Clause 11.01-1R - Settlement – Metropolitan Melbourne  Clause 11.02-1S - Supply of Urban Land  Clause 11.03-1S & R - Activity Centres  Clause 15.01-1S&R - Urban Design  Clause 15.01-2S - Building Design  Clause 15.01-4S & R - Healthy Neighbourhoods  Clause 15.01-5S - Neighbourhood Character

Clause 15.01-5L – Monash Preferred Neighbourhood

Character Clause 16.01-1S &R - Housing supply

Clause 16.01-2S - Housing affordability

Clause 18.02-2R - Principal Public Transport Network

# **Particular Provisions**

Clause 52.06 - Car Parking

Clause 53.18 - Stormwater Management in Urban

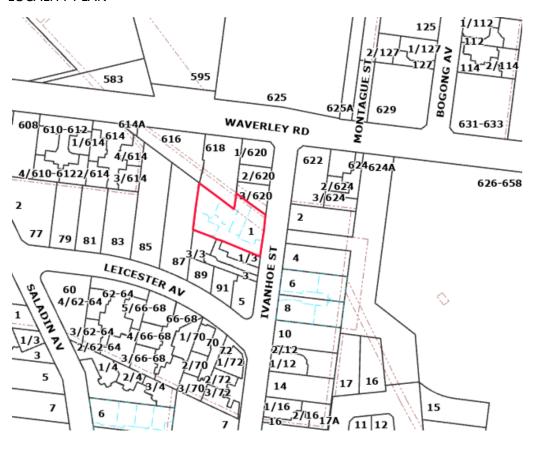
Development

Clause 55 - Two or more dwellings on a lot and residential

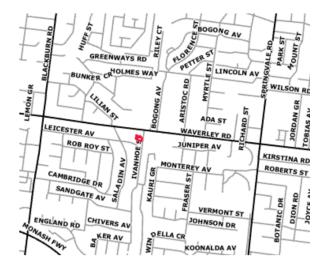
buildings

Clause 65 - Decision Guidelines

#### LOCALITY PLAN



#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**



#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to issue an Extension of time to Planning Permit No. TPA/41807 for the development of five (5) double storey dwellings with basement car parking and building and works on land subject to a Special Building Overlay (SBO1) at 1 Ivanhoe Street Glen Waverley, pursuant to the provisions of Section 69(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act* 1987.

1. That in accordance with Section 69(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act* 1987, the time for the completion of the development be extended by a further one (1) year. The development must be completed by 6 May 2026.

# **COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

#### **Sustainable City**

Ensure an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable municipality.

#### **Enhanced Places**

Pursue a planning framework that meets Monash needs.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Planning Permit TPA/41807 was issued on 6 May 2014 for the development of five (5) double storey dwellings with basement car parking and building and works on land subject to a Special Building Overlay (SBO1).

The original application was decided under delegation and there were four (4) objections to the proposal. Development and landscape plans were endorsed on 30 October 2015. A planning permit (TPA/54734) for subdivision of the land into five lots was issued on 26 April 2023, and the Plan of Subdivision (TPS/14039) has not yet been certified.

The permit has been extended on four (4) previous occasions being 7 July 2016, 10 April 2018, 7 July 2022 and by decision of Council on 30 May 2024. The current expiry date for completion of

the development is 6 May 2025. The current extension of time request was made on 24 March 2025.

Attachment 1 details approved plans forming part of the application.

# **Site and Surrounds**

The subject site is located on the west side of Ivanhoe Street in Glen Waverley. The land is irregular in shape and has an overall area of 1,298 square meters.

Abutting land uses are residential and comprise single and double storey dwellings, including multi dwelling developments. The area can be characterised as dwellings with pitched tiled roofs in a garden setting.

An aerial photograph of the subject site and surrounding land can be found attached to this report (Attachment 2).

Attachment 3 details the zoning and overlays applicable to the subject site and surrounding land.

The development commenced construction in mid 2020. The dwellings have been substantially constructed to lock up stage with the internal fit out, minor finishing and landscaping works yet to be completed.

The current status of the development is shown in the photos below:





Photos provided by Applicant on 27 March 2025

#### **PROPOSAL**

The project has been significantly delayed throughout the course of construction due to financial implications associated with the COVID19 Pandemic and difficulties with previous builders. The applicant has requested an extension of a further one year to complete the development as the appointed builder has gone into liquidation. The owner has now appointed a new builder.

#### **PERMIT TRIGGERS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 69(1A) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987:

"The owner or occupier of land to which a permit for a development applies may ask the responsible authority for an extension of time to complete the development or a stage of the development if:

- b) The request for an extension of time is made within 12 months after the permit expires; and
- b) The development or stage started lawfully before the permit expired".

The request was made on 24 March 2025, within 12 months of the permit expiry. The development commenced lawfully prior to the permit expiry. Accordingly, Council can consider a further extension to the completion date for the development under the *Planning and Environment Act* 1987.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

The total elapsed time between the date of issue of the permit and the date of the request to extend the permit is eleven (11) years.

The Supreme Court decision Kantor v Murrindindi Shire Council (1997) established the following tests to determine if a permit should be extended:

- Whether there has been a change of planning policy;
- Whether the landowner is seeking to "warehouse" the permit;
- Intervening circumstances bearing on the grant or refusal of the extension;
- The total elapse of time;
- Whether the time limit originally imposed was adequate;
- The economic burden imposed on the landowner by the permit; and
- The probability of a permit issuing should a fresh application be made.

These tests must be considered on balance, meaning that an application does not necessarily need to meet all tests. These tests are considered in detail below.

Whether there has been a change of planning policy.

Since the permit was issued there have been significant state, regional and local amendments affecting the land. These changes were considered and assessed as part of the previous

requests to extend the planning permit. In summary, amendments which may have an affect the proposal include:

**Amendment VC110** gazetted on 27 March 2017 impacts the development with regard to garden area requirements and mandatory controls relating to height. The changes introduced by Amendment VC110 are mandatory to the consideration of a development.

The proposal meets the mandatory height requirement of 9 metres or 2 storeys as the proposal is limited to a height of 9 metres.

Amendment VC267 gazetted Thursday, 6 March 2025. Amendment VC267 changes the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) and all Planning Schemes in Victoria by implementing new residential development planning assessment provisions. This reform is a part of a larger reform initiative aimed at streamlining the planning process and increasing housing supply. The Townhouse and Low-Rise Code (a new and replaced Clause 55) applies to developments involving two or more dwellings on a lot and includes low rise apartments up to three storeys in height. The resulting code has reduced restrictions for development and removes third party appeal rights from applications which comply with the code. These changes do not affect the consideration of this extension of time request.

# Whether the land owner is seeking to "warehouse" the permit

Warehousing is the obtaining of permits with no intention of acting on them in the foreseeable future to gain a windfall when selling the land.

Considering the lock up stage of the development, it would be difficult to demonstrate that the owner has no current intention of completing the development.

The owners have indicated that the project will continue and be finalised within the year.

# Intervening circumstances bearing on the grant or refusal of the extension

The owner has detailed issues with the original builder going into liquidation and financial difficulties that have impacted the completion of the development. Pleasingly they have indicated they have appointed a new builder to complete the development.

# The total elapse of time

Eleven (11) years have elapsed between the time the planning permit was issued and the extension of time application being lodged. This is not fatal to the application in isolation, given the broad compliance with current planning policy.

#### Whether the time limit originally imposed was adequate

The original time limit imposed was two years for commencement and two years to complete, which is a standard condition of approval and considered adequate for this development.

# The economic burden imposed on the land owner by the permit.

It is not considered that any conditions of the permit would have placed additional economic burden on the applicant that could have affected the continuation of the construction. The conditions are standard for this sort of development.

It is acknowledged that there would likely be an economic burden on the land owner if the permit was not extended, considering the cost of the works to date and the cost of making a new application should the extension not be supported.

# The probability of a permit issuing should a fresh application be made

Whilst a full assessment against the new Clause 55 (Townhouse and low rise code) provisions has not been undertaken, it is likely that a permit would issue should a fresh application be made, considering the recent changes introduced by Amendment VC267 are less restrictive, particularly in terms of overlooking, front and rear setbacks and private open space provision.

The development demonstrated a high level of compliance with ResCode at the time of approval, including the schedule to the Neighbourhood Residential Zone which sought increased front and rear setbacks, with an appropriate scale and form and providing a suitable response to neighbourhood character. The development also meets the mandatory height and garden area requirements (introduced after the original development was approved.)

The conditions on the existing permit issued are still valid and would be similar to those placed on any permit should it be issued today.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect conflict of interest in this matter.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is considered appropriate to grant a further extension of time to the permit to enable the development to be completed.

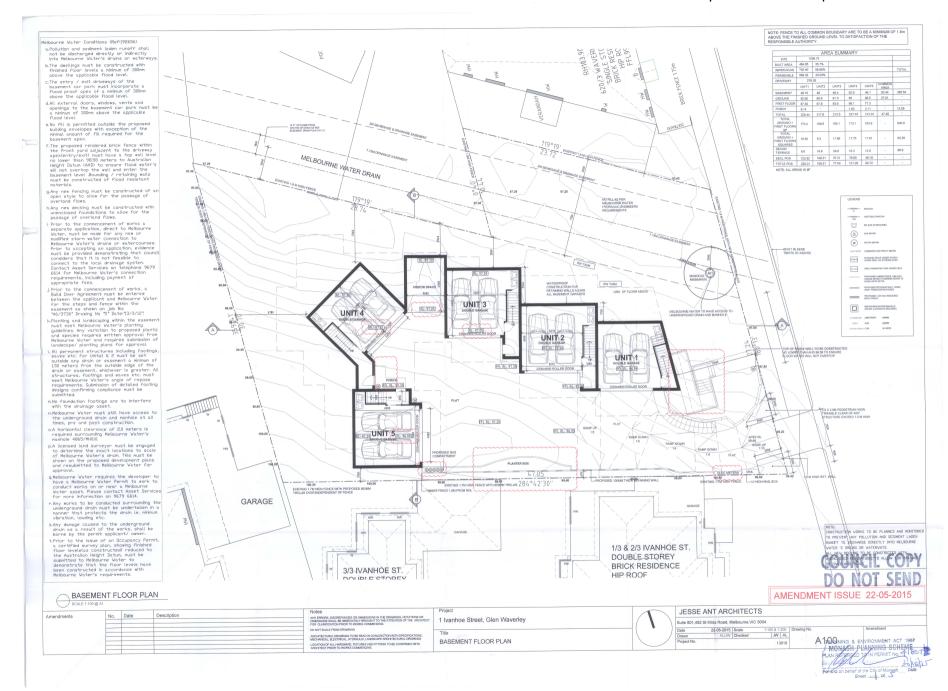
The proposal on balance meets the tests established in the Supreme Court decision Kantor v Murrindindi Shire Council (1997).

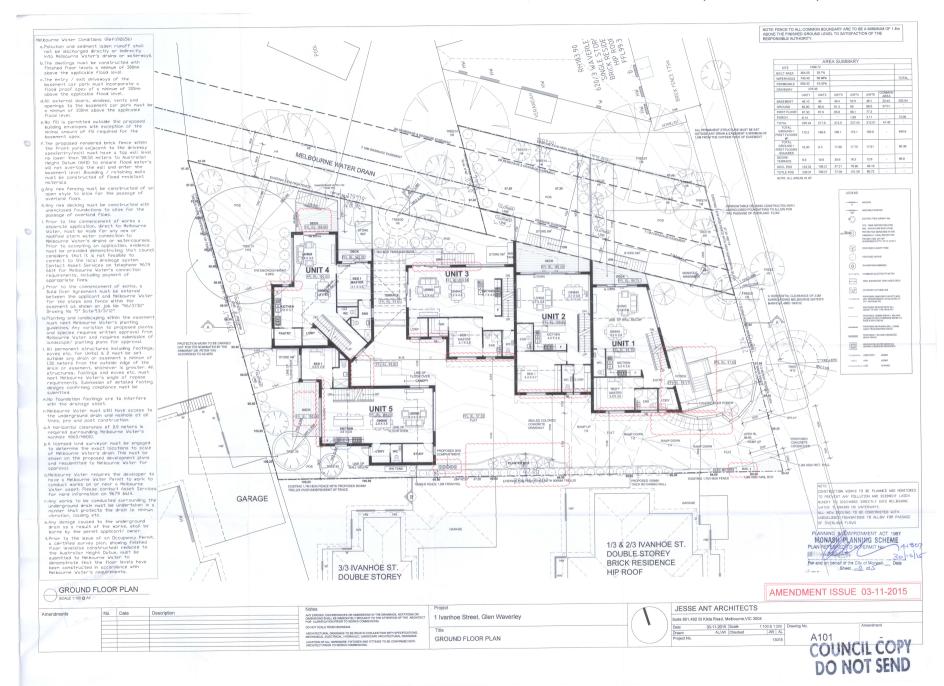
The development outcome is appropriate and the permit conditions remains current and relevant.

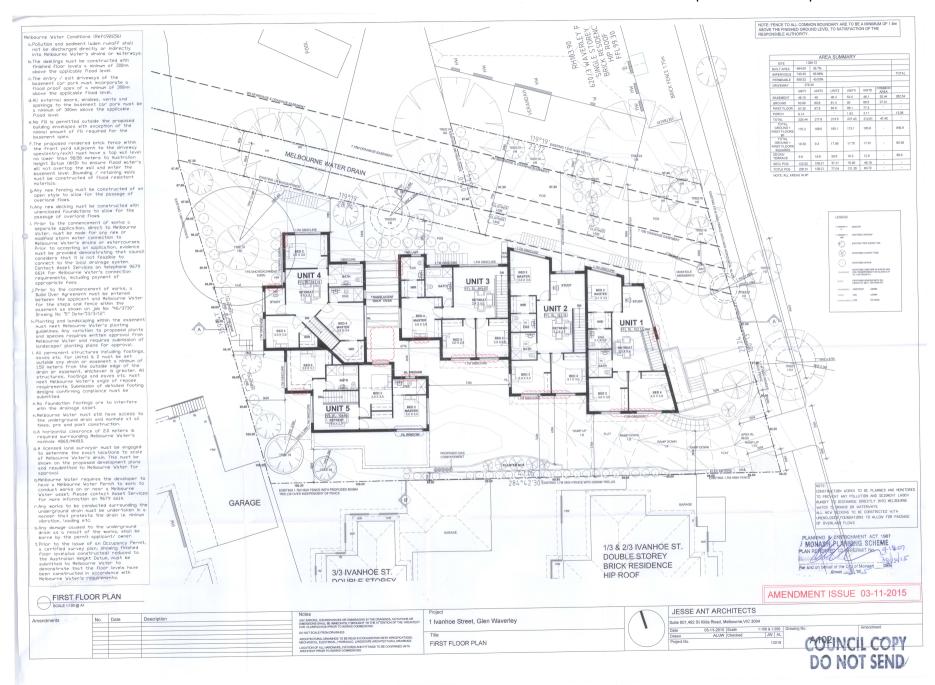
It is recommended the Council approve an extension of one (1) year for the completion of the development.

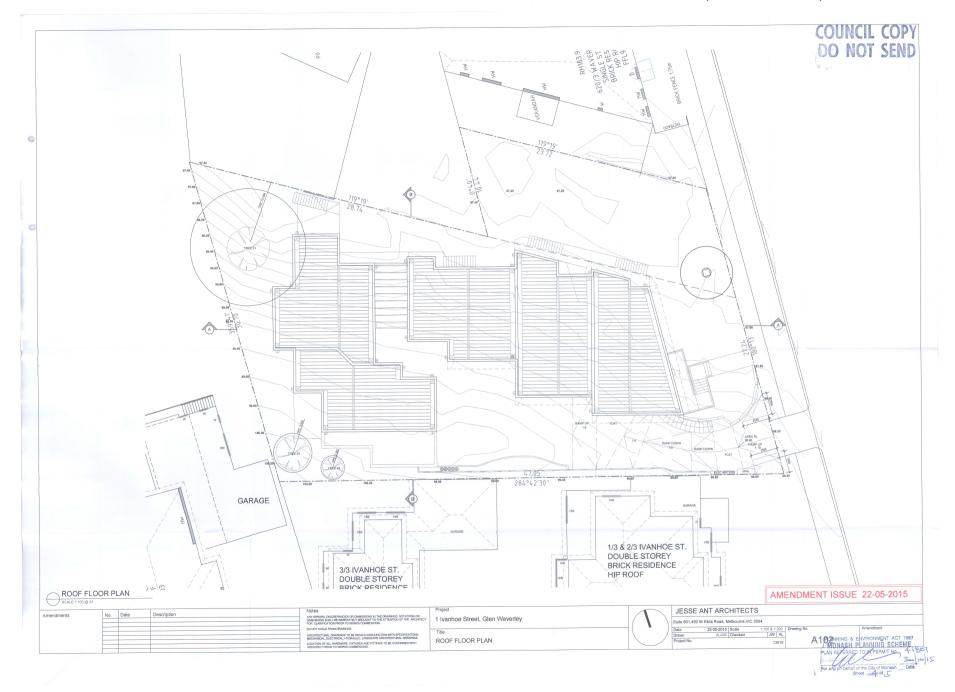
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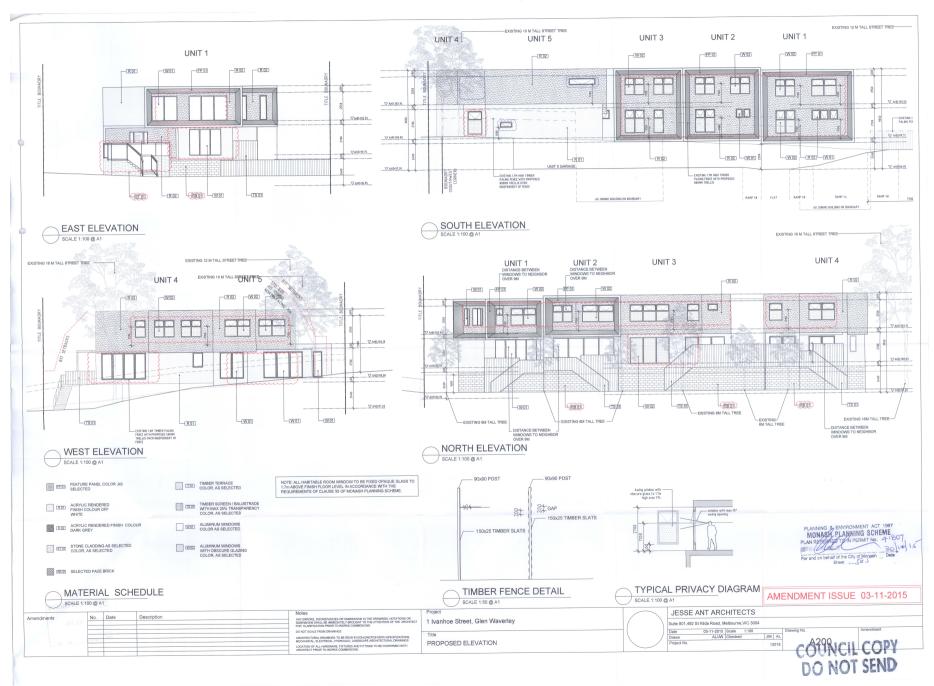
- 1. Development & Landscape Plans 1 Ivanhoe St [7.1.2.1 6 pages]
- 2. Aerial Photograph 1 Ivanhoe St [7.1.2.2 1 page]
- 3. Zoning and Overlays Map 1 Ivanhoe St [7.1.2.3 1 page]

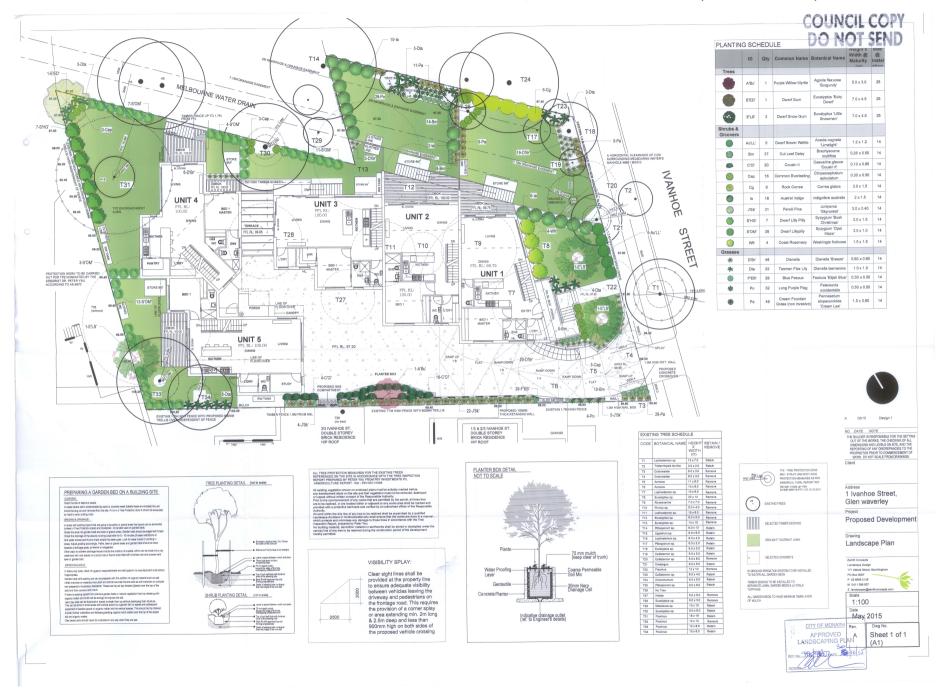


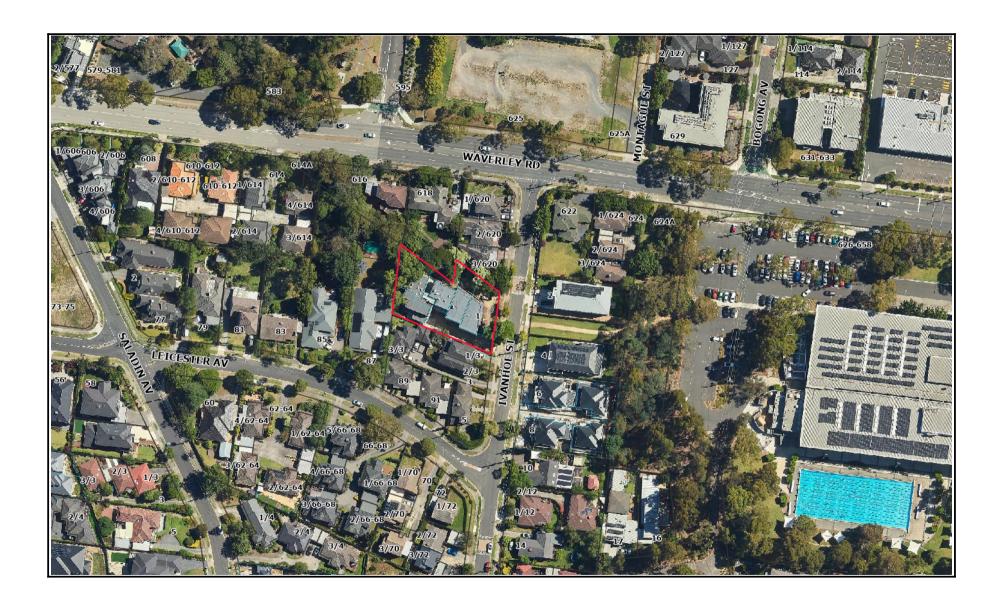






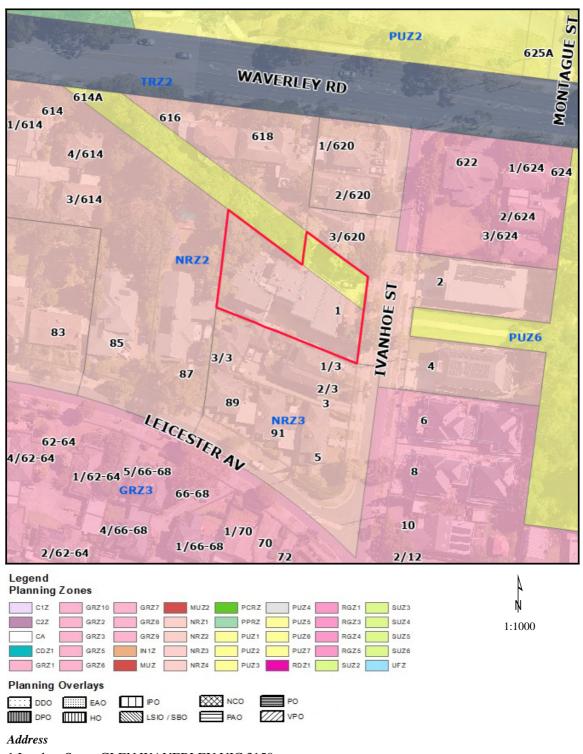








# Planning Overlays and Zones



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