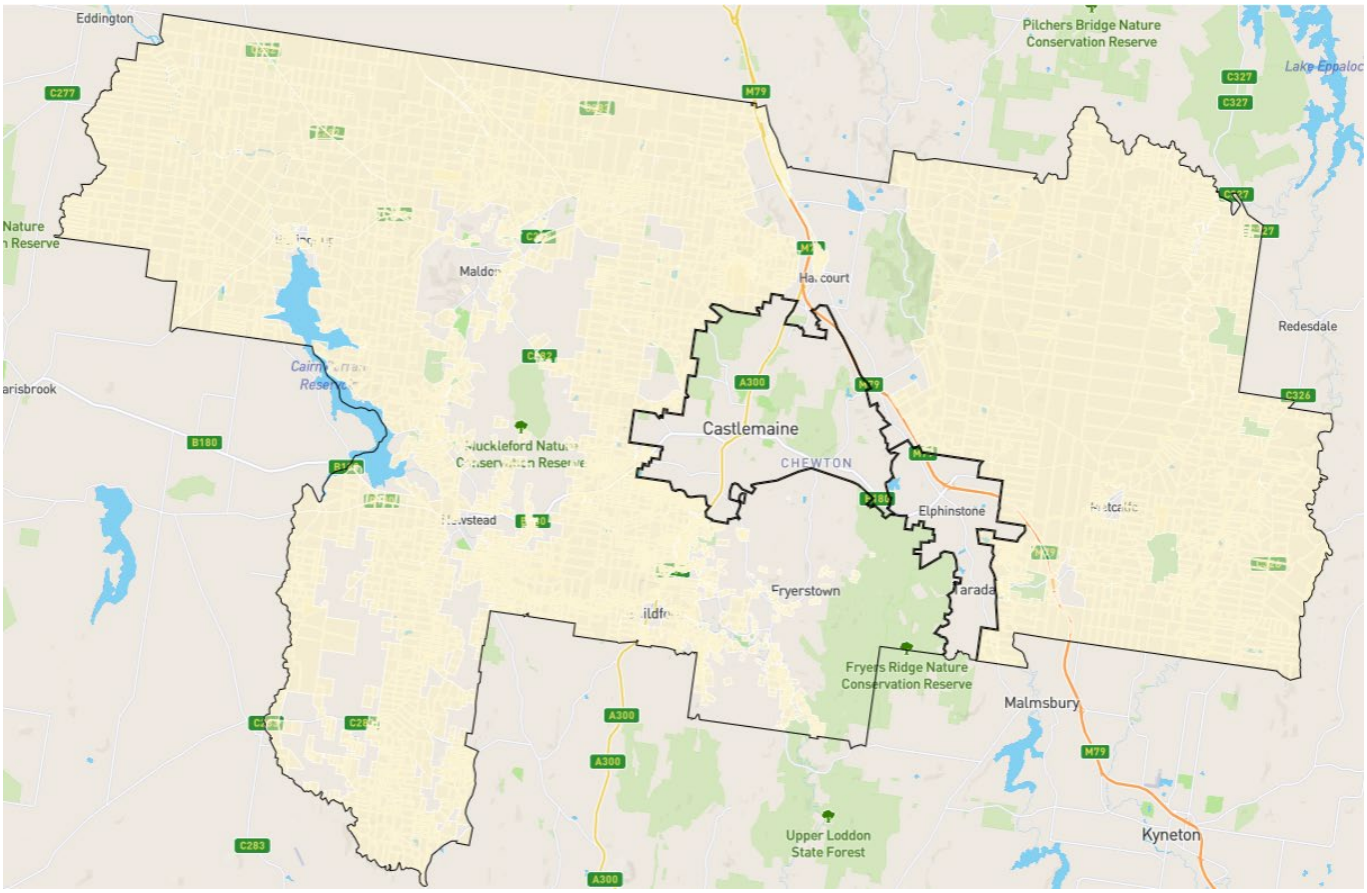
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Mount Alexander Shire Council

I want to know more about:

Precinct 1	
	Proposed to change to a new Farming Zone Schedule 2



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Will anything change?

Yes.

What will change?

The main proposed change is:

- To raise the minimum lot size permit requirement to build a house. From 40 hectares to 80 hectares.
- This means that if your parcel of land is 80 hectares or larger, you can generally build a house without needing a planning permit.
- If your parcel of land is smaller than 80 hectares, you will need a planning permit to build a house.

Why is this change happening?

To encourage housing growth closer to our existing townships and discourage it out in our farming areas.

- Better protect farmland and support farming businesses.
- Prevent the remaining large farming properties from being broken into smaller lots.
- Protect important wildlife habitat, water catchments, landscapes and heritage values.
- Reduce conflicts between farming activities and rural residential lifestyle lots.

To learn more: Read the draft Rural Land Use Strategy

Important: These are recommendations only. Any changes will go through a separate planning scheme amendment process, including additional public consultation, before they could take effect. You can make a submission in support of or against the changes.