

LAND CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT PROCESS

STEP 1 DETERMINING THE RISK RATING OF A SITE

1. Please use the checklist below to identify the overall risk rating for the site to determine whether you need to use Council's high, medium or low risk land capability template.
2. Highlight the answer to each risk factor by undertaking a desktop analysis of the site and surrounds.

Risk rating for individual site factors				
	Low (= 1 point)	Medium (= 2 points)	High (= 3 points)	Points
Distance of proposed onsite system location to reservoir	> 15 km	2 – 15 km	< 2 km	
Distance of proposed onsite system location to a river, stream or drain	>60m	40 – 60m	<40m	
Soil type (please contact Council to identify the soil type)	Low risk on Council's GIS system	Medium risk on Council's GIS system	High risk on Council's GIS system	
Number of proposed bedrooms	2 - 3	4	5+	
Slope	< 5%	6 – 9%	>10	
Lot size	> 10 ha	2 – 10 ha	< 2 ha	
			Total points	

3. Add the number of points up and insert the total in the blue box above.

The following point range tells you what land capability assessment template to use:

The **Low Risk template** where the total score is **7 or less**.

The **Medium Risk template** where the total score is **8 to 10**.

The **High Risk template** where the total score is **>11**.

STEP 2 IDENTIFYING IF THE LAND IS IN A DECLARED WATER SUPPLY CATCHMENT

The EPA Code of Practice states that a comprehensive land capability assessment must be undertaken for land in a declared water supply catchment.

This means that even if you have identified the land as being low risk in Step 1, you *must* use the Medium Risk template to meet EPA standards.

There are four declared water supply catchments within the Shire; Honeysuckle Creek, Nine Mile Creek, Mountain Hut Creek/Seven Creeks and the Upper Goulburn (see map below).



If you are uncertain as to whether or not the site is located in a declared catchment, please contact Council on 5795 0000.

STEP 3 FILLING OUT THE LCA TEMPLATE THROUGH DESKTOP ANALYSIS AND FIELDWORK

We have tried to make the LCA process as easy for you to complete as possible while trying to comply with EPA Code of Practice Standards.

A combination of fieldwork and desktop analysis will be required to fill in the template.

The template includes information to guide you through the process to ensure that the requirements are as clear and as consistent as possible.

We ask you to provide clear instructions for the landowner in relation to how to manage and maintain their onsite system, as well as any ongoing land management requirements to ensure their system works as effectively as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact Council's Environmental Health Unit on 1800 065 993 should you require any assistance.