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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO1.

STREAMSIDE, WATERCOURSES & STORAGES

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Statement of environmental significance

This overlay applies to the following streamside, watercourses and storages:

- Bet Bet Creek, McCallums Creek, Avoca River, Joyces Creek, Deep Creek, Middle Creek and Tullaroop Creek.
- Lake Cairn Curran and Tullaroop Reservoir.

The environmental condition of waterways has degraded as a consequence of stream modification and construction of water storages for irrigation and domestic water supply which has altered flow levels.

Waterway management is linked to water quality. Several strategies have been developed to combat the trend of declining condition of watercourses. This overlay supports the implementation of water management strategies.

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Environmental objectives to be achieved

- To prevent pollution and increased turbidity of water in water storages, watercourses and channels.
- To restrict and regulate developments which may interfere with the use of water for agricultural, domestic or other purposes.
- To preserve existing native vegetation and to promote regeneration of native vegetation.
- To contribute to the enhancement of water quality throughout the Murray-Darling Basin.
- To maintain the ability of streams and watercourses to carry natural flows.
- To protect and encourage the long term future of flora and fauna habitat in and along watercourses and water storages.

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Permit requirement

Referral of applications

Any application for a permit must be referred in accordance with Section 55 of the Act to the referral authority specified in Clause 66.04 or a schedule to that clause.

Buildings and Works

A permit is not required for:

- Repairs and routine maintenance to existing buildings and works.
- Works undertaken by a public authority to, regulate the flow of water in a watercourse, regulate flooding or construct or redirect a watercourse.

- A minor utility installation.
- Passive recreation.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority will consider:

- Any relevant State Environment Protection Policy.
- The existing use of land and the reason for development in relation to that use.
- The possible effect of the development on the quality and quantity of water.
- The potential for flooding to occur.
- The conservation of natural habitat.
- The preservation of and impact on soils and the need to prevent erosion.
- The protection of the area for its recreation value.
- The effect of any development on the flow of flood waters and flood control measures.
- The need to prevent or reduce the concentration of diversion of floodwater or stormwater.
- The conservation of natural habitats and the preservation of native fauna, fish and other aquatic life.
- The objectives of the zone in which the land is situated.
- Any comments from the Goulburn-Murray Water Authority, the North Central Catchment Management Authority and DSE.