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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO2.

CHANNEL AND RESERVOIR PROTECTION

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Statement of environmental significance

The stock and irrigation supply network in north western Victoria is a significant regional resource. The protection of water quality within this system, and the protection of the physical integrity the network provides clear benefits for agricultural activity within Buloke Shire and across the region.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To maintain and enhance the quality and supply of irrigation and domestic water

To protect water reservoirs and channels from potential sources of pollution

To control the development of land in the vicinity of water supply reservoirs and channels

To prevent the unauthorised diversion of water into or from water channels

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Permit requirement

The location of effluent or waste disposal systems, or other potential sources of pollution within 100 metres of a channel will generally be considered inappropriate.

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.
 - Construct or redirect a watercourse.
- A minor utility installation.
- Passive recreation.
- construction of fences located 20 metres or more from the exterior tow of the channel

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Decision guidelines

The responsible authority is to give consideration to the following matters prior to making a decision on a planning permit application:

- The comments of any relevant water authority;
- The need to prevent the contamination of water supply;
- The need to protect water supply resources;
- Compliance with the Septic tanks Code of Practice, or the ability of the proposed effluent or other treatment system to prevent effluent or other waste affecting water quality in the channel o reservoir system.