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SCHEDULE 5 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

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MURCHISON WASTE WATER TREATMENT COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AREA

1.0 Statement of environmental significance

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The Murchison waste water treatment complex provides sewerage treatment and waste water disposal for the Murchison urban area.

The complex's operation and expansion, particularly for additional land disposal of secondary treated effluent in lieu of discharge waterways, is critical to the continued economic and environmental prosperity of Greater Shepparton.

Land within this overlay should not be developed for any purpose that might compromise the complex's continued operation or expansion for sewerage and waste water treatment and disposal.

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved

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A buffer needs to be maintained around the complex to restrict the intensity of housing development in its proximity and to direct residential development at an urban scale away from the complex. This will safeguard the complex's operations and avoid any future conflict between it and any residential expansion of Murchison. A buffer will also protect existing and future landowners from the consequences of effects of the complex.

3.0 Permit requirements

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An application for any development within this overlay 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.

A permit is not required for:

- The construction of a building undertaken by or on behalf of Goulburn Valley Water which is required for the ongoing management and operation of the waste water treatment complex.
- Works undertaken by or on behalf of Goulburn Valley Water required for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the waste water treatment complex.
- The construction of a building ancillary to the use of land for agriculture that is not a dwelling or a building for the storage of fuel, fertilisers, insecticides or similar chemicals.
- The construction of extensions or alterations to an existing dwelling where the floor area of the dwelling is not increased by more than 50m².

4.0 Decision guidelines

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Land within this overlay not be developed for any purpose that would:

- Increase the number of dwellings on the land, other than for a dwelling required for farming purposes.
- Be impaired in its normal operation by odour emission from the waste water treatment complex.

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

- Any comments from Goulburn Valley Water.
- The effect of seasonal or peak loadings of effluent treated at the complex on the amenity of the area.
- The effect of climatic conditions, including temperature, wind speeds and directions, on the amenity of the area.
- The need to protect the continued operation and expansion of the Murchison waste water treatment complex.