

19/01/2006
VC37**SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO3

WIMMERA RIVER PROTECTION**1.0**19/01/2006
VC37**Statement of environmental significance**

The Wimmera River is one of the key features in the Shire and is designated as a heritage river under the Heritage Rivers Act 1992. It has significant environmental values and needs to be protected to ensure that the quality and quantity of water is maintained, and that the river's value as a significant natural landscape is conserved.

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VC37**Environmental objective to be achieved**

- To maintain the quality and quantity of water within the Wimmera River.
- To maintain the ability of the Wimmera River to carry natural flows.
- To protect and encourage the long term future of fauna and fauna habitats along the Wimmera River, and where appropriate to allow for regeneration of habitats.
- To prevent increased surface run-off or concentration of surface water run-off leading to erosion of the banks and streambed or siltation.
- To prevent pollution and increased turbidity of the water in the Wimmera River.
- To protect the Wimmera River watercourse and its environs as a significant natural landscape.

3.019/01/2006
VC37**Permit requirement**

A permit is not required to construct a buildings or construct or carry out works as follows:

- Works associated with passive recreation.
- Unenclosed buildings, except where the building is intended to be used for animal keeping or intensive animal husbandry.
- Works ancillary to a dwelling, except for any effluent disposal system.
- Works undertaken by the Wimmera Catchment Authority, Department of Natural Resources and Environment or a water supply authority.

4.019/01/2006
VC37**Decision guidelines**

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

- Existing use of the land and the reason for the development in relation to that use.
- Possible effect of the development on the quality and quantity of water.
- Conservation of natural habitats and the preservation of native fauna, fish and other aquatic life.
- Preservation of and the impact on soils and the need to prevent erosion.

- Protection of recreational and landscape values.
- Proper management of the land as a watercourse area.
- Need for fencing off waterways and other land management measures.
- Need to maintain or plant vegetation in order to protect water quality.
- Any management plan prepared by the Wimmera Catchment Authority, Department of Natural Resources and Environment or water supply authority.
- Comments of the Wimmera Catchment Authority, Department of Natural Resources and Environment and relevant water supply authority.