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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO2**

WETLANDS, WATERWAYS AND RIPARIAN STRIPS

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Statement of environmental significance

The following wetlands, waterways and riparian strips are environmentally significant:

- Melton Reservoir Wetlands, Deans Marsh Wetlands and Paynes Road South Wetlands;
- Kororoit Creek, Skeleton Creek, Dry Creek, Djerriwarrh Creek, Toolern Creek, Riparian Strips and associated escarpments;
- Werribee River;
- Former Department of Defence Property, Western Highway, Rockbank.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To protect and conserve wetlands and to discourage inappropriate use and development.

The role and function of wetlands will be taken into account in respect to any proposed use or development on or adjacent to a wetland area.

To protect and conserve the riparian habitat and associated escarpment and to discourage inappropriate development.

To identify, conserve and enhance the character of significant landscapes.

To recognise areas of high fire hazard, and to ensure all development acknowledges any potential risk.

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Decision guidelines

In considering an application, Council will have regard to the following documents, where appropriate:

- “Sites of Botanical Significance in the Western Region of Melbourne”, McDougall 1987.
- “Sites of Geological and Geomorphological Significance in the Western Region of Melbourne”, Rosengren 1987.
- “Skeleton Creek Waterways and Environs Strategy”, Melbourne Water 1996.
- “Woodlands: Department of Defence Property, Rockbank, Victoria Conservation Management Plan”, Hyder Consulting and Biosis Research 13 December 2000
- “Wetlands: Department of Defence Property, Rockbank, Victoria Conservation Management Plan”, Hyder Consulting and Biosis Research 13 December 2000