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## **SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO1**

### **SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS**

#### **1.0**

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#### **Statement of environmental significance**

The Shire's waterways and wetlands are a significant environmental resource which should be protected from inappropriate development. Significant wetlands and waterways should be retained as natural drainage corridors with vegetated buffer areas in order to perform their long term function as drainage areas, stream habitat, wildlife corridors and landscape areas, and to minimise erosion and reduce polluted surface runoff from adjacent land uses.

#### **2.0**

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#### **Environmental objective to be achieved**

- To maintain environmental diversity and quality of areas that constitute wetlands, swamplands, lagoons and significant waterways.
- To prevent inappropriate development adjacent to significant wetlands and waterways.
- To prevent pollution of significant waterways and wetlands and the degradation of habitat areas.

#### **3.0**

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#### **Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application for a permit, the responsible authority must consider as appropriate:

- An assessment of the likely environmental impact of the proposal on the water quality of wetlands or waterways.
- Whether the siting and management of the proposal is capable of treating and retaining wastewater without an adverse impact on wetlands or waterways.
- An assessment of the likely impact of the proposal on the flora, fauna and landscape features of wetlands or waterways.
- The availability of alternative sites for the proposal not within the overlay area.
- Whether the proposal will impose any flooding or drainage risk or constraints on land in the vicinity.
- The comments of any environmental or catchment management authority.