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## SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO3.

### LAKE ENVIRONS

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#### Statement of environmental significance

The North Central Regional Catchment Strategy reports that there has been a significant reduction in the extent of wetlands including freshwater meadows and shallow and deep-water marshes since European settlement and land development.

Poor water quality poses a threat not just to aquatic ecology but also to recreation, tourism, aesthetic values, urban water supply, domestic and stock water supply and irrigation usage.

The Kerang Wetlands are a system of public lands reserved as Nature Reserves, Wildlife Refuges and State Forest. The wetlands systems are integral to the maintenance of natural, cultural and catchment values associated with major rivers in the municipality including the Loddon and Avoca Rivers and the riparian environs of the Murray River. Incorporated into these wetlands is a comprehensive irrigation system for agricultural and horticultural use.

The wetlands contain outstanding ecological values, including internationally significant wildlife habitats and catchment values concerning water supply, water quality, drainage, salinity control and recreational values.

Schedule 3 to the Environmental Significance Overlay will assist in the implementation of the Biodiversity Program of the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy.

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#### Environmental objective to be achieved

To recognise the important function and significance of existing lakes in the land pattern.

To protect and enhance the biodiversity, ecological values and cultural values of the lake environs.

To protect the visual and environmental quality and character of the lakes and their environs.

To provide for appropriate development on land adjacent to Lake Charm, Kangaroo Lake and Racecourse Lake, consistent with the use of the area for tourist, holiday and recreational purposes, while protecting the natural beauty and amenity of the land and lakes themselves.

To maintain the function of the lakes as a flood control basin.

To protect the natural beauty of the area.

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#### Permit requirement

A permit is not required for:

- Maintenance activities and environmental improvement works undertaken by the public authority responsible for management of the land.
- Buildings and works associated with:
  - A Minor utility installation.
  - Passive recreation.

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#### Decision guidelines

Before deciding on any application under this overlay area, the responsible authority must give notice of an application of the kind listed below in accordance with section 52 (1) (c) of the Act to the authority specified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause:

- Any application for buildings and works within 50 metres of any public land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning or Parks Victoria.

## GANNAWARRA PLANNING SCHEME

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

- The comments of the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning, Parks Victoria or any other relevant authority.
- The effect of any development on botanical, zoological or geological values, including the desirability of maintaining existing remnant vegetation.
- The desirability of excluding stock from wetlands to enhance their environmental values.
- The need to revegetate wetland areas with appropriate indigenous plant species.
- The compatibility of the development with the existing natural environment.
- The existing use and development of the land and the reason for additional proposed development in relation to that use.
- The desirability of locating any building other than a pumping station or Minor utility installation more than 50 metres from the lake.