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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO2.

CHANNEL AND RESERVOIR PROTECTION

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Statement of environmental significance

Wimmera Mallee Water supplies domestic and stock water to more than 60,000 people and properties across the supply region. The security of supply and protection of channels and reservoirs from potential sources of pollution is critical to the operation of one of Victoria's largest water supply systems.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

- To maintain and enhance the quality and supply of irrigation and domestic water throughout the Wimmera region.
- To protect water reservoirs and channels from potential sources of pollution.
- To control the development of land in the vicinity of water supply reservoirs and supply channels.
- To prevent the unauthorised diversion of water into or from water channels.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The comments of Wimmera Mallee Water or any other relevant authority;
- The need to prevent the contamination of water supply;
- The need to protect water supply resources;
- The location of effluent or waste disposal systems, or other potential sources of pollution within 100 metres of a channel will generally be considered inappropriate;
- The development of buildings and works including dams within 20 metres of the exterior toe of a channel will generally be considered inappropriate;
- The location of effluent or waste disposal systems, or other potential sources of pollution within 300 metres of an identified water reservoir will generally be considered inappropriate;
- Compliance with the Septic Tank Code of Practice, or the ability of the proposed effluent or other treatment system to prevent effluent or other waste affecting water quality in the channel or reservoir system; and
- The diversion of water into or from channels will not be allowed unless approved by Wimmera Mallee Water or other relevant authority.