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C6**SCHEDULE 6 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO6.

CATCHMENTS OF WETLANDS OF CONSERVATION VALUE**1.0**14/08/2008
C6**Statement of conservation significance**

The Hindmarsh Shire contains numerous low-lying areas that hold wetland conservation values. These conservation values indicate areas that may be of ecological significance. Each of these wetlands of conservation value has the potential to receive water from the primary catchment areas identified in ESO 6, as defined by the topography of the landscape. Development and land use within these primary catchments has the ability to affect the quality and quantity of water entering the wetlands of conservation value, and as such, degrade their ecological condition.

The Wimmera Catchment Management Authority has undertaken investigations that seek to identify the location of a range of conservation values of various wetlands. Wetlands identified as being of conservation value are included in ESO 5. The primary catchments of wetlands of conservation value are included in ESO 6. These sites are identified in *Shire of Hindmarsh, Wetlands and Catchments of Conservation Value (WCMA 2007) Decision Guidelines* which is incorporated in this Scheme (Clause 81).

Development and land use within the primary catchment of wetlands of conservation value must be controlled to ensure that it does not degrade the ecological condition of wetlands of conservation value.

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C6**Environmental objective to be achieved**

- To ensure that land use and development within the primary catchment areas (ESO6) of wetlands of conservation value (ESO5), does not impact on the ecological condition of these wetlands.
- To prevent waste discharge, nutrients, other pollutants and increased turbidity of water within the primary catchment areas (ESO6) from degrading the ecological condition of wetlands of conservation value (ESO5).
- To ensure that changes to the biological, physical and chemical quality and quantity of water entering wetlands of conservation value (ESO5) from the primary catchment area (ESO6) does not degrade its ecological condition.
- To ensure that the increase or decrease of surface runoff or concentration of surface water runoff from primary catchment areas (ESO6) does not lead to erosion and siltation of conservation value wetlands (ESO5).
- To maintain or enhance the ability of wetlands of conservation value (ESO5) to carry natural flows.
- To prevent changes in surface water flow within primary catchment areas (ESO6) from degrading the ecological condition of wetlands of conservation value (ESO5).
- To protect, conserve and encourage the long-term future of fauna and flora habitats in wetlands of conservation value.
- To protect threatened wetland flora and fauna within wetlands of conservation value.
- To ensure that any land use and development within a primary catchment area (ESO6) is consistent with maintaining the existing ecological condition of the wetlands of conservation value (ESO5).
- To recognise the significance of wetlands identified under the Ramsar treaty and support the strategic management of Ramsar sites.
- To protect or enhance the ecological condition of wetlands that have low levels of modification from further modification.

- To identify wetlands listed on the Directory of Significant Wetlands and support the implementation of the recommendations of the Directory.
- To protect the ecological condition of wetland types, identified in Wimmera Catchment Management Authority Wetland Mapping (2004). as depleted since Corrick Wetland Mapping (1994) from further loss.
- To identify and support the management of wetlands protected under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act (1988).
- To ensure that the natural alignment of waterways are not altered.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required for:

- Earthworks
- Mineral, stone or soil extraction
- Vegetation removal
- Generation of waste waters
- Construction of a fence that may obstruct the flow of water

A permit is not required for:

- Construction of a building
- Informal outdoor recreation;
- Unenclosed buildings;
- Repairs and routine maintenance to existing building and works;
- A building or works carried out by or on behalf of a public land manager or Parks Victoria under the Local Government Act 1989, the Reference Areas Act 1978, the National Parks Act 1975, the Fisheries Act 1995, the Wildlife Act 1975, the Forest Act 1958, the Water Industry Act 1994, the Water Act 1989, the Marine Act 1988, the Port of Melbourne Authority Act 1958, the Land Act 1958 or the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.
- The construction of a post and wire fence that does not obstruct the flow of water

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Decision guidelines

Council must consider the Decision Guidelines contained in Clause 42.01 and the Incorporated Document titled “*Shire of Hindmarsh, Wetlands and Catchments of Conservation Value (WCMA 2007) Decision Guidelines*”.

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Referral of application

All applications made under this Schedule must be referred in accordance with Section 55 of the Act to the referral authority specified in Clause 66.04 or a schedule to that clause.