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## SCHEDULE 5 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO5.

### OTHER WATER SUPPLY CATCHMENTS

#### 1.0

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#### Statement of environmental significance

Regional water catchments are located throughout the Shire. The protection of catchments from inappropriate development and the protection of water quality is paramount to the health of the surrounding environment, habitat, vegetation and all urban and rural communities.

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#### Environmental objective to be achieved

To protect and utilise the resources of the area as a water catchment for urban and local supply.

To ensure the protection and maintenance of water quality and water yield within the catchment areas.

To ensure that land use activities and land management practices are consistent with the conservation of natural resources.

To control land use and development adjacent to water courses and water storages.

To maintain and enhance the quantity and quality of water produced within the catchment.

To minimise the threat of pest plants and pest animals to agricultural land and to water catchment areas.

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#### Permit requirement

No permit is required for buildings and works except for:

- Accommodation (including a Dwelling) which is not connected to reticulated sewerage.
- Buildings and works for Intensive animal husbandry.

#### Application requirements

The responsible authority may require applications to contain the following information:

- A plan of the whole site indicating the location of all water storages, creeks, streams and springs.
- A plan indicating the location of existing and proposed buildings and points of vehicle access to the site.
- A plan indicating the location of any proposed septic tank system.
- A plan indicating the location of native vegetation on site.

#### Referrals requirement

Any application 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.

A referral agreement between the responsible authority and the referral authority may be in place that may affect the above requirement.

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#### Decision guidelines

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

- The impact of the development on the water catchment.
- Whether the proposed development provides a net benefit to the stability and health of the waterway.

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- The need to protect vegetation and habitat and the role these attributes play in improving and assisting in the maintenance of water quality. In particular, the need to maintain and revegetate land within 30m of a watercourse.
- The need to retain vegetation which prevents or limits adverse effects on ground water recharge.
- The need to address any existing land degradation and prevent further land degradation as a result of the proposal.
- Whether any proposed effluent and irrigation fields are within 100m of any watercourse.
- How any proposed septic tank or other form of wastewater treatment may impact the quality of water in the catchment. This should include demonstration that the proposed density of septic tanks in the area:
  - Will not overload the natural environment with effluent and lead to pollution of watercourses or other properties.
  - That the design and location of septic tanks is appropriate to the site and environmental characteristics of the allotment.
  - That the disposal of effluent will not result in the discharge of wastewater from the site.
- The need to include litter traps and artificial wetlands in development proposals to improve the quality of discharge from new developments prior to discharge to water courses and to minimise the amount of sediment and litter entering waterways from new development.
- Any relevant land capability study or relevant Catchment and River Health Strategy for the area.
- Any approved local land care policies and plans.