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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO2.

AREAS OF POOR DRAINAGE OR POTENTIALLY SUBJECT TO INUNDATION

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Statement of environmental significance

Flooding is a major issue for Swan Hill municipality. Existing floodplain management studies need to be implemented through the Planning Scheme.

This schedule will assist in the implementation of floodplain management studies and support strategic policies in the Municipal Strategic Statement and the Flooding Local Policy.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To identify land in urban and non-urban areas that are potentially liable to inundation by overland flow or sheet flooding due to the soil structure and the likelihood of poor drainage.

To ensure that any development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwaters, minimises flood damage, is compatible with the flood hazard and local drainage conditions and will not cause any significant rise in flood level or flow velocity.

To protect water quality in accordance with the provisions of relevant State Environment Protection Policies, and particularly in accordance with Clauses 33 and 35 of the *State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria)*.

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Permit requirement

A permit is not required to construct or carry out:

- Repairs and routine maintenance to existing buildings and works.
- Works undertaken by a public authority to:
 - Regulate the flow of water in a watercourse.
 - Regulate flooding.
 - Construct or redirect a watercourse.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The potential for flooding to occur and the effect that flooding may have on the development.
- The effect of the development on the capacity of the land to store and absorb stormwater and flood water.
- The possible effect of the development on the quality and quantity of stormwater and floodwater.
- The effect of any development on flood control and stormwater disposal measures and the flow of floodwater and stormwater.
- Any comments of the relevant Catchment Management Authority, Water Authority and the Department of Sustainability and Environment.