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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO1**

WARRION GROUNDWATER AREA

1.0 Statement of environmental significance

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The protection and retention of groundwater quality is of major significance to the community.

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved

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To protect and maintain the quality and quantity of groundwater recharge in the Warrion aquifer area.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is not required for the following:

- to remove, destroy or lop any non-native vegetation; or
- to remove, destroy or lop any dead vegetation; or
- to prune any native vegetation provided it does not exceed 20% of the bio-mass of the vegetation; or
- buildings and works associated with informal outdoor recreation, except involving any new effluent disposal system; or
- outbuildings less than 300m2 in floor area; or
- alterations and addition to a dwelling of less than 130m2 in additional floor area, except involving any new effluent disposal system; or
- works undertaken by a public authority relating to watercourse management, environmental improvements or infrastructure services.

4.0 Referral/notice of applications

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An 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 unless in the opinion of the responsible authority, the proposal satisfies requirements or conditions previously agreed to in writing between the responsible authority and the referral authority.

Council may seek the comments on any application in accordance with Section 52(1)(c) of the Act from the authority specified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause.

5.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The need to minimise effluent and waste disposal.
- The need to minimise groundwater usage (including that incurred indirectly by commercial forestry, softwood plantations, or by direct extraction from bores).