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C55**SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO3****DECLARED WATER SUPPLY CATCHMENTS****1.0 Statement of environmental significance**18/06/2009
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The Colac Otway Shire contains several declared water supply catchments, which provide water to urban and rural development throughout the region. The environmental health of water catchments is integral to conserving the quality and quantity of water supplies on a sustainable basis as well as to protecting the public health of the whole community. The careful management of land use and development will contribute to the protection of the catchments to enable ongoing provision of a reliable, high quality water supply. Protection of the quality and quantity of water has significant local and regional benefits.

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved18/06/2009
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- To protect the public health of communities that depend on water from declared water supply catchments.
- To protect and maintain water quality and water yields in the declared water supply catchments.
- To ensure that subdivision, land use and development meets the requirements of any Land Use Determination.
- To provide for appropriate land use and development within these declared water supply catchments.
- To manage the impact of incremental development on water quality and yield.

3.0 Permit requirement18/06/2009
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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 applications18/06/2009
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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.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The effect of the slope, soil type and other environmental factors on erosion and the ability of the land to contain any pollutant or treated waste on site.
- The requirements and provisions of the State Environment Protection Policies - Waters of Victoria and Groundwaters of Victoria, and the provisions of the "Septic Tanks Code of Practice".
- The need to manage incremental development that is likely to result in, or create a precedent for, development densities or activities likely to be detrimental to water quality or yield.
- Any relevant catchment management plan, policy strategy or Ministerial Direction (including the Interim Guideline for Planning Permit Applications in Open Potable Water Supply Catchment Areas or any subsequent revision of that guideline).