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## **SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO3.

### **STREAMLINES AND WETLANDS AREAS**

#### **1.0**

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#### **Statement of environmental significance**

French Island, being relatively flat and of a pervious nature, has very few permanent streams and these waterways need to be protected for their environmental contribution to the Island's ecosystems.

The wetlands provide important habitat and feeding grounds for fauna, they have high conservation values and they have been recognised as being of international significance.

#### **2.0**

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#### **Environmental objective to be achieved**

- To recognise the role of streamlines and wetlands as significant habitat for wildlife.
- To control vegetation clearance in areas of streamlines and wetlands.
- To minimise erosion in areas of streamlines and wetlands.
- To maintain the water quality of streamlines and wetlands.
- To protect and enhance wetlands and areas which provide habitat for fauna and, in particular, waterfowl.
- To ensure that development, including subdivision, and land uses are compatible with the environmental values of streamlines and wetlands.

#### **3.0**

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#### **Permit requirement**

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.

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop Pinus Pinaster, if undertaken in consultation with Parks Victoria.

#### **4.0**

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#### **Decision guidelines**

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

- Whether substantial change or detriment will be caused to soil, stability, vegetation, water quality or any habitat values.
- The protection of streamlines and wetlands from introduced plant species and predators by domestic pets.
- Whether any additional human activity will cause detriment to streamlines or wetlands, including habitat values.
- The need to prevent stock access to wetland areas.
- The need to retain and enhance native vegetation, particularly in areas susceptible to salinity recharge.