

19/01/2006
VC37**SCHEDULE 2 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO2

MINERAL SPRINGS AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION**1.0 Statement of environmental significance**19/01/2006
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The mineral springs that occur within the Hepburn Shire have natural, cultural and economic significance. The protection of the springs, their aquifers and their environs from the impacts of waste disposal and drainage is a fundamental component of the future management of this asset.

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved19/01/2006
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- To protect the mineral springs, their aquifers and their environs from the impacts of effluent and drainage.
- To protect water bores that provide town water supply.

3.0 Permit requirement19/01/2006
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A permit is not required for:

- Emergency works, minor works, repairs and routine maintenance to existing buildings and works.
- Works that will not result in changes to surface or groundwater runoff or contribute to a decline in spring water quality.
- Works associated with a minor utility installation.
- Works associated with passive recreation.

4.0 Decision guidelines19/01/2006
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Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider as appropriate:

- Existing use of land and the reason for the development in relation to that use.
- The availability of alternative land outside the overlay area.
- The means of treatment and disposal of all sewage, sullage, stormwater and other wastes where connection to a reticulated sewage system is not available.
- Possible effect of the development on the quality and quantity of mineral spring and freshwater.
- The impact on soils and the need to prevent erosion.
- Protection of the area for its recreational value.
- The need to prevent or reduce the concentration of wastewater or stormwater.
- Potential threats to mineral springs water quality.
- Comments received from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the relevant water authority and the Victorian Mineral Water Committee.