SCHEDULE 5 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO5.

CHANNEL AND RESERVOIR PROTECTION

1.0

Statement of environmental significance

Wimmera Mallee Water supplies domestic and stock water to more than 60,000 people and properties across the supply region. The security of supply and protection of channels and reservoirs from potential sources of pollution is critical to the operation of one of Victoria’s largest water supply systems.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To maintain and enhance the quality and supply of irrigation and domestic water throughout the Wimmera region.

To protect water reservoirs and channels from potential sources of pollution.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required for the construction of a fence located within 20 metres of the toe of a channel.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority will consider:

- The need to prevent the contamination of water supply;
- The need to protect water supply resources;
- The desirability of locating any effluent or waste water disposal systems, or other potential sources of pollution at least 50 metres from the exterior toe of a channel;
- The ability of any proposed effluent or other treatment system to prevent effluent or other waste affecting water quality in the channel or reservoir system, and
- The desirability of preventing the development of any buildings and works including dams within 20 metres of the exterior toe of a channel.

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Notification

Notice of all permit applications must be given in accordance with Section 52(1)(c) of the Act to the person or body specified as a person or body to be notified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause.