

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

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

YARRIAMBIACK CREEK

1.0 Statement of environmental significance

The Yarriambiack Creek is a major effluent stream of the Wimmera River and the most significant north-south water course in the Yarriambiack Shire. The creek reserves contains stands of indigenous vegetation, wildlife habitat and sites of cultural heritage and landscape significance. In comparison to surrounding mainly cleared grazing land the environmental value of the creek reserve is substantial.

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved

- To recognise the multiple uses of the Creek and the need to ensure the proper management of the natural vegetation, wildlife habitat, and sites of cultural heritage and landscape interests.
- To preserve the natural integrity and improve the environmental quality of the creek.
- To maintain the ability of the watercourse to carry natural flows.
- To prevent erosion of banks, streambeds, and adjoining land and the siltation of watercourses, drains, and other features.
- To protect and encourage the sustainable flora and fauna habitats along the watercourse.
- To prevent pollution and increased turbidity of water in the natural watercourse.
- To conserve existing wildlife habitats and to allow for generation and regeneration of habitats.
- To protect and preserve indigenous vegetation in the Yarriambiack Creek Reserve.
- To maintain and enhance habitat and corridor requirements for indigenous fauna.
- The need to conserve and potential impacts on, values identified on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Selected Biodiversity Components — Local Government Area of Yarriambiack, Parts A and B.

3.0 Permit requirement

A permit is not required to construct a building or carry out works if the use is for passive recreation.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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

- The effect of any relevant State Environment Protection Policy, regional catchment strategies or other natural resource management strategies adopted by the responsible authority.
- The existing use of land and the reason for development in relation to that use.
- The possible effect of the development on the quality and quantity of water.
- The potential for flooding to occur.

- The conservation of natural habitats.
- The preservation of and impact on soils and the need to prevent erosion.
- The protection of the area for its recreation value.
- The effect of any development on the flow of flood waters and flood control measures.
- The need to prevent or reduce the concentration of diversion of floodwater or stormwater.
- The conservation of natural habitats and the preservation of native fauna, fish and other aquatic life.
- The objectives of the zone in which the land is situated.
- The effect of any possible flooding on any development.
- The proper management of the land as a floodplain.
- The conservation and enhancement of the area.
- The preservation of, and impact on, the natural environment or landscape values.
- The role of native vegetation in conserving the flora and fauna and in the providing of food, shade and shelter for native fauna.
- The need to retain native vegetation if it is rare or supports rare species of flora or fauna and where it forms part of a wildlife corridor.
- Whether provision is made or is to be made to establish and maintain native vegetation elsewhere on the land.

5.0 Notice of applications

Notice of an application 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.