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## **SCHEDULE 7 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ES07**.

### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

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

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Wastewater treatment facilities within the Shire treat domestic sewage and commercial and industrial trade waste under an Environment Protection Authority scheduled premises licence that allows for discharge to local waterways or irrigation re-use.

The ongoing operation of these facilities is critical for maintaining public health, the protection of the environment, and protection of valuable community assets.

Land within this overlay should not be developed for any purpose that might compromise the continued operation or expansion of wastewater treatment facilities to service the future growth of the Shire.

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

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To protect wastewater treatment facilities from encroachment by incompatible development associated with sensitive uses.

To ensure that wastewater treatment facilities can expand or intensify over time.

#### **3.0 Permit requirement**

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A permit is not required to construct a building or to construct or carry out works associated with:

- Agriculture;
- An alteration or extension to an existing dwelling;
- A building ancillary to a dwelling;
- A facility for service and utility purposes;
- A railway;
- A road; and
- A bicycle pathway and trail.

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation, including dead vegetation.

#### **Application requirements**

An application must be accompanied by the following information:

- Plans to scale indicating distances of property boundaries and any proposed buildings to the property boundary of the relevant wastewater treatment facility.
- An estimate of the number of persons drawn to the buffer area as a result of the proposal.
- A statement as to how the proposal satisfies the environmental objectives in Sub-clause 2.0.

#### **Referral requirement**

Any 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.

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**Decision guidelines**

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

- The need to protect the continued operation and expansion of the wastewater treatment facility.
- The compatibility of the proposal with the wastewater treatment facility.
- Whether the location and design of the proposal is appropriate given the proximity to the wastewater treatment facility.