### **INFORMATION SHEET**

### Planning Scheme Amendment C106mild



## **Key Messages**

The Mildura Planning Scheme provides strategic direction for future town planning of Mildura and its surrounding townships. While specific to Mildura the amendment is prepared in line with State Government policy and legislation. Each time Council wishes to alter the Mildura Planning Scheme an amendment must be prepared by Council and approved by the Victorian Minister for Planning before it can be implemented.

Planning scheme amendment C106mild proposes updates to the Land Subject to Inundation (LSIO) and the Floodway Overlay (FO) mapping boundaries in the Murray River Corridor within the Mildura Municipality (refer map above).

The LSIO and FO already exists on land along the river. The amendment may change the area that the LSIO and FO covers.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is an Overlay?

An overlay is a map in a council planning scheme showing the location and extent of special features, such as where land may be subject to flooding. An overlay identifies an issue that needs to be considered when developing land eg heritage, flooding, bushfire. An overlay controls buildings and works and subdivision and may result in a planning permit being required.

### Which overlays are being updated?

The amendment proposes to update the boundaries of the Floodway Overlay (FO) and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) to reflect higher quality Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data recently received by the Mallee Catchment Management Authority (MCMA) for the Murray River.

# What is Land Subject to Inundation (LSIO) and Floodway Overlay (FO)?

The LSIO/FO are applied to land affected by riverine flooding. These are planning scheme controls that apply to land affected by flooding associated with waterways and open drainage systems. Such areas are commonly known as floodplains. These overlays require a planning permit for buildings and works.

A key purpose of these overlays is to ensure that buildings and works maintain the free passage and temporary storage of flood waters, minimise flood damage and not cause any significant rise in flood level or flow velocity.

#### Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO)

The LSIO applies to mainstream flooding in both rural and urban areas. In general, areas covered by the LSIO have a lower flood risk than FO areas.

#### Floodway Overlay (FO)

The FO applies to mainstream flooding in both rural and urban areas. This overlay applies to land identified as carrying active flood flows associated with waterways and open drainage systems. This overlay is suitable for areas where there is less need for control over land use, with a focus more on control of development

#### What does it mean for me?

The amendment will affect you if you have land in one of the current or proposed overlays. It is important that you look at the online maps to see if you are affected. If you want to undertake buildings and works or subdivision on your property then a planning permit may be required depending on your proposal.

#### What are floodway overlays based on?

Overlays are based on the extent of flooding resulting from a 1 in 100 year storm. This relates to a storm event of such intensity, based on historical rainfall data, which has a one per cent chance of occurring in any given year.

# Does all development need a planning permit?

No, there are some exemptions for works related to flood mitigation and utility installation and you

will find the instances detailed in the Mildura Planning Scheme.

# My place hasn't flooded in years, why will it in the future?

It cannot be assumed that flooding will not occur simply because there are no recollections of previous flooding at the property.

# If I am in a floodway overlay will my insurance premiums increase?

Insurance premiums are based on the most up to date available flood studies rather than the Planning Scheme controls. The insurance industry has its own National Flood Database where this information is kept. Reliable flood information can help ensure properties are not underinsured. For more information go to the Insurance Council of Australia website at <a href="https://www.ica.com.au">www.ica.com.au</a>.

#### How to view the proposed changes

In addition to the amendment maps Council has developed an online interactive map showing the proposed floodway overlay changes. You will be able to examine the location of the current and proposed overlay boundaries superimposed on the aerial map of your property. To see how your property is affected by the proposed changes please refer to the Pozi Instruction Guide below.

Alternatively a link to access the map together with further information is also available via Councils Amendment Project page at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Mildura-floodmapping

# POZI Instruction Guide Instructions to View Property Detail for Amendment C106mild



