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Good morning!

Please find attached CHW's submission to Planning Scheme Amendment C217ball Ballarat 11 Waterways. Thank you for requesting CHW's feedback and we look forward to working with the City of Ballarat in the future.

Regards,



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Central Highlands Water acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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28 May 2026

Strategic Planning
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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Scheme Amendment C217ball Ballarat 11 Waterways

We refer to Council's letter to Central Highlands Water (CHW) dated 22 April 2026 providing notice of preparation of Planning Scheme Amendment C217ball – Ballarat 11 Waterways. We acknowledge you have provided notice to CHW as the owner of land that may be partially or wholly located within a flood prone area that are subject to the Floodway Overlay 2 (FO2) and Land Subject to Inundation 2 (LSIO2) that are included in Amendment C217ball.

CHW appreciates that Council has undertaken the flood modelling and is now including appropriate controls in the planning scheme, and for making this data available, which is highly valuable and beneficial to CHW, landowners and developers to ensure flood implications and risks are more clearly identified to assist decision making.

Central Highlands Water is a regional, state-owned water corporation that provides essential water and wastewater services to Ballarat and district. Our roles and responsibilities include infrastructure management such as operating and maintaining water treatment plants, pumping stations and pipeline networks. In addition, we collect, store, treat and deliver safe drinking water to residential, commercial, and industrial properties in our region. CHW's ability to efficiently and sustainably undertake asset maintenance such as managing water and wastewater treatment plants and thousands of kilometres of underground pipes is vital in ensuring the community are consistently provided with these essential services.

In Victoria, water authorities such as CHW under the *Water Act 1989* are granted wide-ranging statutory powers to manage, allocate, and protect vital water resources. These powers include infrastructure development, water allocation, regulatory compliance, and environmental management.

The General Exemptions under Clause 62 in the Victorian Planning Provisions (VPP) outlines specific land uses, buildings, works, and subdivisions that do not require a planning permit, overriding inconsistent provisions or permit conditions elsewhere in the local planning scheme.

Clause 62.01 - Uses Not Requiring a Permit identifies certain activities where a planning permit is not needed, provided specific conditions are met. Clause 62.02 - Building and Works Not Requiring a Permit lists everyday use building and works that are exempt from planning permits. These building and works include buildings and work associated with a minor utility installation such as sewerage or water mains, pumping stations and sewage treatment plants.

Minor utilities such as sewer mains, sewer pump stations and wastewater treatment plants are commonly located in areas along creeks and streams. Subsequently, it makes this infrastructure potentially susceptible to flooding and as a result, often encumbered by flooding and inundation overlays.

However, from a CHW perspective, the Planning Scheme has sufficient exemptions as stated under Clause 62 to enable us to undertake the necessary maintenance of our infrastructure to ensure vital water and sewer services are consistently provided to the community. With these exemptions in mind, the proposed FO2 and LSIO2 that may encumber CHW owned land do not significantly affect the ongoing operation of the provision of water and sewer services to the community. In addition, mains and infrastructure located on land not owned by CHW that may be subject to the FO2 and LSIO2 have sufficient exemptions under Clause 62 to allow CHW to maintain infrastructure.

Subsequently, CHW wishes to advise we have no objection to Planning Scheme Amendment C217ball – Ballarat Waterways 11.

We would like to thank the City of Ballarat for seeking CHW's feedback on the above amendment. If you have any queries, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

