

7 April 2026

Department of Transport and Planning
GPO Box 2392
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Merrimu Precinct Structure Plan –Amendment C109 - Moorabool Planning Scheme
SRW Reference: SR174259

Southern Rural Water (SRW) is writing to you in response to an email received on 11 March 2026 advising that the public consultation on the Merrimu Precinct Structure Plan and draft amendment C109 to the Moorabool Planning Scheme has commenced.

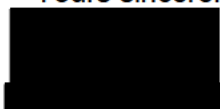
SRW have been engaged with and provided comments to the Department of Transport regarding this proposal over the past nine months. During this period the project area of the proposed Merrimu Precinct Structure Plan has been reduced by way of removing the low density residential area that was proposed to the immediate north of Lerderderg Park Road. This modification to the PSP has addressed many of SRW's concerns with this proposal. SRW also acknowledge the inclusion of guideline R108, which states explicitly that "outfall drainage must not connect into irrigation channels or pipes managed by Southern Rural Water". The inclusion of this guideline addresses a significant concern previously raised by SRW.

Looking ahead, SRW remain concerned with the Bacchus Marsh Eastern Link Road and its potential impact on viable agricultural land south of Lerderderg Park Road. This land is located within the Bacchus Marsh Irrigation District, which has been significantly reduced in area because of urban development.

In conclusion, the concerns raised previously by SRW have been satisfactorily addressed and SRW no longer have any concerns with the proposed Merrimu Precinct Structure Plan.

For further information please contact 1300 139 510.

Yours sincerely,



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