

## **PART 3            STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

Desired environmental outcomes are based on ecological sustainability established by the Integrated Planning Act and are the basis for the measures of the planning scheme.

Each desired environmental outcome is sought to be achieved to the extent practicable having regard to each of the other desired environmental outcomes.

The desired environmental outcomes for Barcoo Shire are as follows:

### **3.1            The Natural Environment**

In Barcoo Shire, ecological systems (including the Cooper Creek Catchment, within the Lake Eyre Basin) and natural features (such as the unique natural features, Welford and Goneaway National Parks, Lake Yamma Yamma, Lake Cuddapan and the Cooper Creek Overflow Swamps) are protected and enhanced by development.

- Development is managed to minimise the adverse impacts on air and water quality, to prevent land degradation, loss of habitat and biodiversity and to protect riparian areas.
- Protected areas (including Welford and Goneaway National Parks, Lake Yamma Yamma, Lake Cuddapan and the Cooper Creek Overflow Swamps) and areas and items of cultural significance (including areas along water courses) are identified to ensure their environmental and landscape values and historic significance are protected and enhanced through compatible development.

### **3.2            Economic Development**

The economy of Barcoo Shire is enhanced through sustainable use of natural resources (including land and mineral resources) and through a diverse range of other economic activities that respect the hierarchy of the small towns.

- The Planning Scheme reinforces the role of Jundah as the principal place for administrative services, business and commerce within the Shire.
- The local service roles of the towns of Windorah and Stonehenge are protected and enhanced.
- Productive rural land, rural industries, and natural features (including mineral and extractive resources and tourist resources such as National Parks and Wetlands) are protected to reflect and enhance their continued economic potential and viability.
- The industrial areas in Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge are consolidated and protected and their role as the key areas for industrial activity is reinforced.

### **3.3            Community and Services**

Development in Barcoo Shire reflects community expectations and needs, and contributes to community well-being through enhancement of core community elements (including the built environment, services, facilities and infrastructure).

- The built environment reflects community expectations and contributes to the amenity and outback rural character of Barcoo Shire.
- People are connected to public spaces and community services through an appropriate land use structure and the provision of infrastructure, particularly within the small towns of the Shire.
- Development contributes to the health and safety of people and provides a diverse range of housing types, services and facilities.
- Infrastructure (including water and sewerage and roads) reflects community expectations and needs, meets engineering and environmental standards and is provided in an orderly and logical sequence to ensure cost effectiveness.