CHAPTER 6 – MATTERS NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS PLAN CHANGE

6.1   Beyond the scope of the plan change

Matters that were raised during the submissions and hearing process and that are considered beyond the scope of Plan Change 6A include requests relating to policies and rules for discharges that were not notified in the original plan change.

We considered the submissions and recommend amending the notified rules 12.B.1.1 and 12.B.1.4 to update the existing references to certificates for the handling and use of agrichemicals.

6.1.1   Recommendations

(a)   Amend Rules 12.B.1.1 and 12.B.1.4 as discussed in Section 3.10 of this report.

(b)   Make no amendment to address matters beyond the scope of this plan change

6.1.2   Reasons

- **Section 7.C policies and rules in section 12.B**

Policies in section 7.C have been renumbered and repositioned but are otherwise unchanged. Most rules in section 12 B remain unchanged.

Rules 12.B.1.1 and 12.B.1.4 have references updated to ensure that all individuals and organisations involved in the discharge of herbicides to water and aerial application of herbicides onto land are operating to best practice in terms of both flight and environmental safety.

- **Better protection for wetlands**

The notified plan change intended to manage the adverse effects from discharges considered under Section 12.C by extending the scope of the rule framework to all water, including water in wetlands. The amended rules in section 12.C continue to protect wetlands against the adverse effects from these discharges.

While the amended rule framework in section 12.C applies to all wetlands, Chapter 13 rules only apply to Regionally Significant Wetlands.

Amending the rules in Chapter 13 to extent their scope to all wetlands would require a variation to the plan change, or a new plan change, to ensure persons potentially affected by these matters are consulted, notified and heard.

Note that Plan Change 2: Regionally Significant Wetlands addresses some matters raised by submitters.