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SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

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HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS

1.0 Statement of environmental significance

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Ararat Rural City contains a diverse range of remnant fauna and flora communities. These vital habitats have been identified in the map prepared by the Glenelg Hopkins and Wimmera CMA titled *Sites of Biodiversity Significance in the Ararat Rural City January 2004*.

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved

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- To protect rare or threatened species or significant habitats for native flora and fauna.
- To protect and enhance remnant native vegetation including understorey and ensure the long term future of fauna and flora habitats.
- To ensure development does not impact on significant habitats.
- To restrict the intensity of use and development of land and to activities which are environmentally sensitive.
- To promote the use of environmentally benign solutions in siting and design in preference to modification of natural systems.
- To promote the maintenance of ecological processes and generic diversity.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is not required for:

- a sign;
- roadworks;
- repairs and routine maintenance to existing building and works; or
- works undertaken by a public authority relating to environmental improvements

4.0 Referral/notice of applications

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The responsible authority must seek the comments on any application in accordance with Section 52(1)(c) of the Act from the authority specified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause.

5.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application the responsible authority should consider as appropriate:

- the particular characteristics of the site listed in the table to this schedule and referenced in the map *Sites of Biodiversity Significance in the Ararat Rural City– January, 2004*;
- existing use of land and the reason for the development in relation to that use;

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- the availability of alternative land outside the overlay area;
- possible impact of the development on habitat values;
- conservation of natural terrestrial and aquatic habitats;
- the need for fencing or other land management measures to protect the environmental values of habitat protection areas;
- the management of natural integrity of habitat areas to preserve life cycle and biological processes;
- Opportunities for enhancement of terrestrial and aquatic habitats;
- the management of the natural integrity of habitat areas to preserve life cycle and biological processes; and
- any endorsed management plan.

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Map Ref.	Location	Victorian rare or threatened species recorded	Breeding site	High Biodiversity values/ link	Comments
ESO3(01)	Dobies Bridge reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Grassy Woodland dominated by Yellow Box and Themeda. Important links, Western Basalt Plains Grassy Woodland, Button Wrinklewort, Large-fruit fireweed. rich in species diversity
ESO3(02)	Dobie Rail Reserve VROT site			Yes	VROT monitoring site- Wrinkled Buttonwort, Western Basalt Plains Grassland
ESO3(03)	Lake Muirhead	Yes		Yes	Brolga flocking site, Large numbers of Australasian Shoveler, Hardhead and Blue-billed Duck, Freckled Duck, Blue-billed Duck, other threatened waterbirds, Cane Grass Swamp, Wetland Blown-grass
ESO3(04)	Mount William Swamp	Yes		Yes	Brolga flocking site, flocking site for Aust. Shoveller and Musk Duck, Freckled Duck and other threatened waterbirds, Cane Grass Swamp, Wetland Blown-grass, Fine-hairy Spear-grass
ESO3(05)	Rossbridge Flora Reserve and other remnants	Yes		Yes	Spiny Pepper-cress, Western Basalt Plains Grassland, endangered EVC, Cane-grass Swamp, Large River Buttercup.
ESO3(06)	Lake Buninjon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Directory of Important Wetlands, Australasian Bittern, Brolga, Great Egret, Freckled Duck, Blue-billed Duck-breeding, Lewin's Rail, Flocking site for Aust Shoveller and Hardhead, Gilgai Blown-grass and Wetland Blown-grass, other threatened birds, JAMBA/CAMBA species
ESO3(07)	Shooters Swamp	Yes		Yes	Hardhead flocking site, Freckled Duck, Magpie Geese, other threatened waterbirds
ESO3(08)	Mount Moornabool Striped Legless Lizard habitat	Yes		Yes	Striped Legless Lizard
ESO3(09)	Shirley Road west wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(010)	Shirley Road east wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(011)	Middle Creek Rail Reserves	Yes		Yes	Western Basalt Plains Grassland
ESO3(012)	Middle Creek Bushland Reserve	Yes		Yes	WBPG, Button Wrinklewort, Small Milkwort
ESO3(013)	Streatham Road south wetland	Yes		Yes	Brolga flocking site, Australasian Shoveller, depleted wetland type
ESO3(014)	Streatham Road north wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(015)	Mount William Road wetland east	Yes		Yes	Brolga staging area, wildlife reserve
ESO3(016)	St Marnocks Road wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding area

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ESO3(017)	Mount William Road wetland west	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding area, Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(018)	Yalla-Y-Poora Grassland Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hairy Tails, Button Wrinklewort, Western Basalt Plains Grassland, High biodiversity(66 native species)
ESO3(019)	Ritchies Road wetland, Mininera East	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(020)	Ritchies Road south wetland, Mininera East	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(021)	Yalla-Y-Poora Road Adamsons Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass, large Red gums
ESO3(022)	Olympic Road wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site, depleted wetland type
ESO3(023)	Olympic Road east wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Whiskered Tern breeding, AS, HH, threatened wetland type
ESO3(024)	Tarpaulin Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ibis breeding site, lignum swamp, Pied Cormorant breeding, Freckled Duck, other threatened water birds, depleted wetland type
ESO3(025)	Menenia Road wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga nest site, Hardhead, depleted wetland type
ESO3(026)	Delcombe Way wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(027)	Burnetts Road wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(028)	Roaches Road middle wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(029)	Willaura Rail Reserve		Yes	Yes	Themeda dominated, Western Basalt Plains Grassland, some areas of Plains Grassy Wetland, Hairy Tails, Showy Podolepis, Hoary Sunray, Short Wallaby-grass
ESO3(030)	Willaura Brolga Flocking Area	Yes			Brolga flocking site, wetland systems and other threatened waterbirds, Brolga roosting sites
ESO3(031)	Cockajemmy Lakes Complex	Yes		Yes	Musk Duck flocking site, Blue-billed Duck, Assemblage of threatened and other waterbirds, Grassland, Hairy tails, Spurred Spear-grass, Red Soils Grassland, Drainage line complex
ESO3(032)	Willaura – Wickliffe Road wetlands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hardhead breeding site, Lignum Swamp and Red Gums, Musk Duck breeding site, other threatened waterbirds
ESO3(033)	Parrie Yallock South Road wetland	Yes		Yes	Brolga flocking site

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ESO3(034)	Haydens Road wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Gull-billed Tern breeding site, other threatened waterbirds, Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(035)	Yarram Park Swamp	Yes		Yes	Brolga staging area, Australasian Shoveller
ESO3(036)	Bunnugal Wildlife Reserve	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass, Wildlife Reserve
ESO3(037)	Maroona – Glenthompson Road Adamson's Blown-grass sites	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(038)	Lynchs Crossing Road Adamson's Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(039)	Toora Road Adamson's Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(040)	Powells Lane wetlands	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass, Brolgas, Musk Duck
ESO3(041)	Brady Swamp	Yes		Yes	Assemblage of threatened waterbirds, depleted wetland type, Wildlife Reserve, Brolga flocking site
ESO3(042)	North Boundary Road wetland	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass, Plains Blown-grass
ESO3(043)	Lake Bolac	Yes		Yes	Corangamite Water Skink, Blue-billed Duck, Great Egret, Golden Perch, Red Soils Grassland, Spiny Pepper-cress
ESO3(044)	Black Morass Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes	Threatened waterbirds, Royal Spoonbill breeding, Brolgas, depleted wetland type
ESO3(045)	McKenzies Road East wetland	Yes		Yes	Growling Grass Frog, assemblage of threatened waterbirds
ESO3(046)	Lake Turangmoro	Yes		Yes	Freckled Duck, Flocking sites for Australasian Shoveler, Blue billed Duck records, Large River Buttercup, regionally significant wetland, other threatened waterbirds
ESO3(047)	Westmere Road wetland	Yes		Yes	Glossy Ibis, Large numbers of Australasian Shoveler, other threatened waterbirds
ESO3(048)	Glenelg Highway Adamson's Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown Grass
ESO3(049)	Wickliffe Adamson's Blown-grass sites	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown Grass
ESO3(050)	Delcombe Way Adamson's Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown Grass
ESO3(051)	Billy Button Wetland, Glenelg Highway			Yes	Billy Button wetland, diverse native wetland flora, high biodiversity
ESO3(052)	Blue Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes	Musk Duck breeding area, Assemblage of threatened waterbirds, Brolgas

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ESO3(053)	Nerrin Nerrin wetland system	Yes	Yes	Yes	Growling Grass Frog, important links- part of wetland system, Directory of Important wetlands, depleted wetland type, Whiskered Tern breeding site, Brolga breeding site, JAMBA/CAMBA species, Great Egret, Plains Grassy Wetland, Corangamite Water Skink, assemblage of threatened waterbirds, Wetland Blown-grass, Freckled Duck.
ESO3(054)	Browns Swamp, Streatham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site, depleted wetland type, Assemblage of other threatened waterbirds, Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(055)	Streatham Grassland			Yes	Western Basalt Plains Grassland
ESO3(056)	Tara Road south wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Whiskered Tern breeding site, Rufous Night Heron, other threatened waterbirds, depleted wetland type
ESO3(057)	Eurambien – Streatham Road wetland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site, depleted wetland type
ESO3(058)	Yalla-y-poorra Road Brolga breeding site	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolga breeding site
ESO3(059)	Chinaman Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes	Brolgas, Aust Shoveller breeding and flocking area, Hardhead, Musk Duck, other threatened waterbirds, Lignum Swamp
ESO3(060)	Holdsworth Swamp No 1	Yes		Yes	Australasian Shoveller flocking area, Other threatened waterbirds(WT, AS, MD), Brolgas
ESO3(061)	Holdsworth Swamp No2	Yes		Yes	Freckled Duck, Blue-billed Duck, other threatened waterbirds.
ESO3(062)	Lake McLaren	Yes		Yes	Whiskered Tern, Australasian Shoveler, Musk Duck, Gilgai Blown grass
ESO3(063)	Woorndoo – Hopkins wetlands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Directory of Important wetlands, Blue-billed Duck, other threatened waterbirds, grassland, depleted wetland types, CAMBA/JAMBA species, Brolga breeding site, Wildlife Reserves
ESO3(064)	Karmala Road wetlands	Yes	Yes	Yes	WT breeding site Growling Grass Frog, other threatened waterbirds, depleted wetland type, Spreading Water Mat

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ESO3(065)	McInnes Lane wetland south	Yes	Yes	Yes	WT(breeding), Warty Bell Frog, AS
ESO3(066)	South Beach Road wetland				Brolgas(breeding- 1992), Great Egret, WT, MD
ESO3(067)	Brolga flocking area, Nerrin Nerrin – Pura Pura	Yes		Yes	Brolga flocking site
ESO3(068)	Paddy Lake, Nerrin Nerrin	Yes		Yes	Corangamite Water Skink, other threatened waterbirds, depleted wetland type
ESO3(069)	Deep Lake	Yes		Yes	Depleted wetland type, Corangamite Water Skink, Other threatened waterbirds(WT, Gull-billed Tern, AS, MD)
ESO3(070)	Lake Gellie	Yes		Yes	Corangamite Water Skink
ESO3(071)	Pura Pura Station grounds/ rail reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Striped Legless Lizard, native grasslands-WBPG, Spiny Rice- flower
ESO3(072)	Grassy Lake	Yes		Yes	Great Egret, MD, AS, Corangamite Water Skink habitat
ESO3(079)	Blythdale grassland, Streatham	Yes		Yes	Grassland, Small Golden Moth, Hairy Tails, Brolgas, WBPG, "Cane Grass" Swamps
ESO3(074)	Astons Road, Gray Creek Adamson's Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(075)	Roaches Road wetland, Rossbridge	Yes		Yes	Australasian Shoveler flocking site, other threatened waterbirds
ESO3(076)	Yalla Road grassland, Yalla-Y-Poora	Yes		Yes	Wetland blown grass, Swamp Billy-button, Adamson's Blown-grass, Bristle-rush grassy wetland
ESO3(077)	McCarthy Road grassland, Willaura	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown grass
ESO3(078)	Rhymney Reef Adamson's Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass
ESO3(079)	Ararat – Halls Gap Road Adamson's Blown-grass site	Yes		Yes	Adamson's Blown-grass