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C111**SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO3

SIGNIFICANT FLORA AND FAUNA HABITATS**1.0**19/01/2006
VC37**Statement of environmental significance**

Within Bass Coast there are significant flora and fauna habitats generally located on large parcels of Crown land. They include: the Phillip Island Nature Park (including The Nobbies/Seal Rocks, the Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Centre, Rhyll Inlet, Churchill Island and Cape Woolamai), Nature Conservation Reserves at The Gurdies and Grantville, along Hurdy Gurdy Creek, Bass River mouth, Korumburra Shire Sanctuary, Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson Heathlands, areas on the Register of the National Estate, and, National Trust Significant Landscapes.

Many of the sites are of zoological or botanical significance and include sites containing broad types of vegetation classified as depleted, rare or threatened at a Statewide level.

These areas represent a range of habitats that are enjoyed by tourists and residents alike. It is important to maintain and enhance the visitor experience of these areas.

2.019/01/2006
VC37**Environmental objective to be achieved**

- To protect and enhance sites of botanical and zoological significance, remnant indigenous vegetation and wetlands to conserve biological diversity.
- To protect and conserve the diverse, significant flora and fauna habitats from development which may threaten environmental quality and characteristics.
- To minimise the impact of development on the natural environment and landscape quality of the area.
- To encourage development consistent with any management plan for a particular area.

3.018/02/2010
C111**Permit requirement**

Applications must be referred in accordance with Section 55 of the Act to the referral authority specified in Clause 66.04 or a schedule to that clause for sites of International, National and State zoological significance, and, for sites containing broad vegetation types classified as depleted, rare or threatened at the Statewide level.

Notice of an application must be given in accordance with Section 52(1)(c) of the Act to the person or body specified as a person or body to be notified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause for sites of Regional or Local zoological or botanical significance.

4.019/01/2006
VC37**Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- The effect of any proposed buildings or works on the flora and fauna values of the area.
- Whether the application is consistent with an existing management plan, or includes a proposed management plan for a particular area.
- The significance of the flora and fauna.

- Whether clearing of any native vegetation will adversely impact on recognised wildlife corridors.
- The views, if any, of the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

In considering an application to develop the Cape Paterson Heathland, the responsible authority must consider:

- The need to protect and enhance the natural beauty and environmental quality of the Bunurong Coast.
- The need to protect and enhance the visual amenity and landscape quality of the Bunurong Coast and its hinterland.
- The need to minimise the risk of erosion and pollution.
- The need to protect and enhance flora and fauna values of the land.
- The need to minimise the impact of development on the natural environment.
- The need to retain a buffer strip of native vegetation along watercourses, roads and property boundaries.
- The views of the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

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