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## **SCHEDULE THREE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO3**

### **RED-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO HABITAT AREAS**

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#### **Statement of environmental significance**

The Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii graptogyne*) of south-eastern Australia has been classified as an endangered species. The current population is estimated to be less than 1000 birds with no more than 100 breeding pairs. It is prone to further threats which are likely to result in its extinction. Its feeding habitat is concentrated on public land but its nesting habitat occurs mainly on private land. The survival of the species depends very much on the availability of nesting sites which are generally dead River Red Gums. Nest trees are cut down to remove risks to life or property, to facilitate cultivation and most commonly, for firewood. Widespread protection of hollow bearing trees, particularly isolated specimens, is a significant factor in ensuring the survival of this species.

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#### **Environmental objective to be achieved**

To protect areas of critical breeding habitat of the endangered Red-tailed Black Cockatoo by ensuring the retention of suitable nesting trees within the bird's known nesting area.

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#### **Permit requirement**

A permit is not required to construct a building or construct or carry out works.

A permit is not required to subdivide land.

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation except that a permit is required for the removal of hollow dead River Red Gum trees having a diameter greater than 60 cm at 1 metre above ground level.

#### **4.0**

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#### **Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority may obtain comments from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.