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SCHEDULE 4 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO4**

INVERLEIGH REMNANT VEGETATION AREA

1.0 Statement of environmental significance

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This area contains environmental attributes varying from large mature native remnant vegetation to a flora species of National and State significance, Clover Glycine (*Glycine latrobeana*) as identified on figure 1. The area forms a link with the Inverleigh Golf Course and the Inverleigh Nature Conservation Reserve which also contains significant fauna and habitat which should not be compromised.

2.0 Environmental objectives to be achieved

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To protect and retain the large mature remnant vegetation across the site.

To protect, retain and manage the Clover Glycine from removal or any potentially threatening processes.

To protect the habitat values of the land.

To ensure the area which adjoins the Inverleigh Golf Course and the Inverleigh Nature Conservation Reserve is not compromised.

To ensure that the siting of development, infrastructure and works respects the physical and biological integrity of the remnant vegetation.

To promote the use of locally indigenous plants for regeneration and revegetation.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is required for:

- A fence
- Removing, destroying or lopping any native vegetation.
- Buildings and works including subdivision. Building and works must be carried out in accordance with the environmental objectives of the schedule.

A permit is not required for:

- A sign
- An extension (50 square metres or less) to an existing dwelling provided that it is to be constructed within an approved building envelope and does not require any native vegetation removal.

An application to remove vegetation must:

- Be accompanied by a plan that identifies the existing extent and quality of native vegetation on the land and the extent of proposed clearing, destruction or lopping.
- Demonstrate that the extent of removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation has been reduced as much as is reasonable and practicable.
- Specify the purpose of any proposed clearing.
- An arborist's report identifying the quality of the vegetation to be removed and a management plan.

An application may be referred for advice to the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application for a permit, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 42.02-4, the responsible authority must consider as appropriate:

- The need to retain remnant vegetation in terms of physical and biological condition, rarity, variety and habitat quality.
- The likely effect of removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation on resident or migratory fauna and the need to retain trees (live and dead) with hollows, understorey vegetation, native grasses and ground litter for habitat value.
- The reasons for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require the removal of native vegetation.
- The need to replace (offset) cleared vegetation.
- The importance of using indigenous species of local provenance for revegetation.
- The need to provide for fire protection while minimising the impact on vegetation, particularly at the rear of allotments adjoining the Inverleigh Golf Course.
- The views of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, if applicable.

Figure 1: General area of site covered by Clover Glycine

