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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO1**

WESTERN PLAINS GRASSLANDS

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

To protect areas of remnant grasslands which are significant for their representative nature of the Western Plains Grasslands.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect the conservation values of the above areas.

To protect significant remnant grassland species.

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Permit requirement

Development and subdivision within the above area shall be undertaken in accordance with the environmental objectives of this schedule.

Development and subdivision of land will be consistent the environmental qualities of the site and surrounding land.

Any application to develop land may be referred for comment to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Planning permits are not required for works and maintenance of roads, railways and highways controlled by Vicroads or the Public Transport Corporation, where an agreed Vegetation Management Plans has been approved.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The conservation and enhancement of the area.
- The preservation of, and impact on, the natural environment, vegetative or landscape values.
- The role of native vegetation in conserving the flora and fauna and in the provision of food and habitat.
- The objectives of and, any recommendations made under, the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act