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SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

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EVANS STREET GRASSLAND

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Statement of environmental significance

The four hectare grassland in Evans Street, Sunbury, is a notable little-disturbed remnant of Plains Grassland, dominated by Themeda triandra and a variety of other grasses, including those not typical of Plains Grassland. The site includes a number of species now rare in the region and supports a high species richness of grassland herbs.

The site is of state significance due to its unusual combination of species, its species richness and its intact condition. The ability to maintain the biodiversity and durability of the grassland is dependent upon retaining and managing existing vegetation and the revegetation of disturbed areas with indigenous species

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To protect and enhance the unusual combination, species richness and intactness of this site of state significance.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required to remove native vegetation.

An application to remove native vegetation must indicate:

- The total extent of vegetation on the property and the extent of native vegetation proposed to be cleared.
- The purpose of the proposed clearing and any proposals for revegetation, including proposed species, and ground stabilisation.
- A report by a suitably qualified person which describes the vegetation and habitat significance of the site, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The effect of the proposed removal of native vegetation on the habitat value and long term viability of remnant grasslands in the vicinity.
- The significance of the native vegetation area.
- The reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require removal of the native vegetation

References

- Evans Street Native Grassland Management Plan (1995).
- Remnant Native Grasslands and Grassy Woodlands of the Melbourne Area: An action plan for conservation based on biological values (1990).