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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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GRASSY WOODLANDS IN VICINITY OF SPAVIN DRIVE, SUNBURY

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

The grassy woodlands in the vicinity of Spavin Drive, Albert Road, Kismet Road and Winilba Drive, Sunbury, are notable remnants of Box Woodlands, dominated by a variety of tree species, including Yellow Box, Yellow Gum and Manna Gum. The area also supports a diverse and species rich grassy understorey.

The grassy woodlands are significant for their diversity and environmental value in providing a faunal habitat of regional significance.

The ability to maintain the biodiversity and durability of the grassy woodlands is dependent on retaining existing vegetation and encouraging revegetation based on indigenous species

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect and enhance the diversity and habitat value of this site of regional 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 suitable 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 grasses 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.