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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO2**

SIGNIFICANT ROADSIDE AND CORRIDOR VEGETATION

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

As substantial areas of Loddon have been modified as a result of agriculture and urban development, the remaining areas of native vegetation are significant for habitat, for biodiversity and for the land management benefits they provide, such as erosion control and water table regulation.

Roadsides often contain the only remnant vegetation in a cleared agricultural landscape.

Significant native vegetation in the Loddon Shire includes Box Iron Bark Forest and native grass lands, including significant herbaceous varieties.

Roadside and corridor vegetation is especially significant as it provides habitat corridors for fauna to access larger areas of remnant vegetation.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect and enhance roadside native vegetation and corridors of native vegetation.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required to remove any native vegetation.

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Notice of applications

Before deciding on an application, notice must be given under section 52(1)© of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to the person or body specified as a person or body to be notified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause.

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Decision guidelines

The following will be taken into account when the responsible authority considers any application:

- Whether alternative options for the location of new utilities and services have been explored that maximise corridor protection.
- Selected Biodiversity Components of Loddon Shire, (2 Sheet Map Series) Natural Resource Systems for Department of Natural Resources and Environment, August 1997.
- Remnant Vegetation Survey and Botanical Inventory of the Shire of Gordon, Paul Foreman and John Westerway, 1994.
- Remnant Vegetation Survey and Botanical Inventory of the Loddon Shire, Shirley Diez and Paul Foreman, 1997.
- A Vegetation Conservation Strategy for the North Central Catchment Management Authority Region, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Bendigo, October 1997.