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C91**SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY**

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

SITES OF BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE**1.0****Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected**11/07/2014
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Remnant indigenous vegetation communities in Maroondah now account for only 3% of the municipality. This vegetation is significant for its biological diversity, habitat and floristic values. The vegetation contains species and communities that are significant at a local, municipal, regional, state and national level.

The retention and enhancement of the remnant vegetation is critical to maintaining and increasing biological diversity in Maroondah. Remnant vegetation provides the basis for the development of wildlife corridors for native flora and fauna.

Indigenous vegetation contributes to the maintenance of the natural systems of Maroondah.

In addition, the attractiveness of many areas of Maroondah is created by the presence of remnant indigenous vegetation.

Reference: Sites of Biological Significance in Maroondah Vols 1 & 2, G. S. Lorimer, J. C. Reid, L. P. Smith and H. Moss, 1997

2.0**Vegetation protection objective to be achieved**11/07/2014
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To protect and enhance areas of biological significance in Maroondah so as to:

- Ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the biological diversity of the flora and fauna of Maroondah.
- Enhance the presence of indigenous species in the natural environment.

3.0**Permit requirement**19/01/2006
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A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation.

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop dead or fallen trees that provide or are likely to provide nesting, roosting or other habitat for native fauna.

4.0**Decision guidelines**19/01/2006
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Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- The effect of the proposed removal of the vegetation on the habitat value and long term viability of the site.
- The significance of the vegetation.
- The habitat value of the vegetation.
- The role of the vegetation in providing vegetation and habitat corridors throughout Maroondah and the region.
- The role of the vegetation in contributing to and maintaining biodiversity in Maroondah.
- The reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require the removal of the vegetation.

- The practicality and benefits of relocating significant species.
- The benefits of requiring areas to be set aside for replanting or regeneration of native vegetation.
- Whether the application has demonstrated the ability to protect and enhance the biological values of the site.