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C90(Part 1)**SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO1**.

**NAPIER PARK AND STRATHNAVER RESERVE GRASSLANDS****1.0 Statement of environmental significance**17/02/2011  
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Napier Park is a remnant of Red Gum Woodland dominated by *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and *E. melliodora* and is one of the few remaining areas of indigenous vegetation within the City of Moonee Valley. The vegetation community is considered rare within Melbourne. It contains the trees, shrubs, grasses and herbs that make up this particular community. It is a remnant of the vegetation that occurred between the Maribymong River and Moonee Ponds Creek prior to European settlement.

The Strathnaver Reserve grasslands are an area of remnant Western Plains Grassland found on a rocky outcrop along Moonee Ponds Creek and contains a rich diversity of grasses, herbs and forbs that make up this community. It is unusual within a more formalised urban parkland.

**2.0 Environmental objectives to be achieved**17/02/2011  
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- To conserve and maintain the indigenous vegetation and habitat values.
- To carry out revegetation works on the site using indigenous species of local provenance.
- To undertake a staged program of weed control with priority being given to the elimination of noxious and environmental weed species.
- To install appropriate interpretive elements which highlight the site's ecological importance.
- To introduce additional indigenous vegetation species using seed or stock propagated from local provenance species.

**3.0 Permit requirement**19/01/2006  
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A planning permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works or remove, destroy or lop any vegetation. Emergency works, minor works and removal of non indigenous vegetation will not require a planning permit.

A public land manager does not require the consent of the responsible authority to construct a building or construct or carry out works or remove, destroy or lop any non-indigenous vegetation. A licensee (acting for a public land manager) does however require consent from the responsible authority to construct a building or construct or carry out works or remove, destroy or lop any non-indigenous vegetation.

**4.0 Referral of applications**17/02/2011  
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Before deciding on any application, the responsible authority must refer the application and any site capability report in accordance with Section 55 of the Act to the referral authority specified in Clause 66.04 or a schedule to that clause unless in the opinion of the responsible authority the proposal satisfies requirements or conditions previously agreed in writing between the responsible authority and the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

## 5.0 Decision Guidelines

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

- Whether the proposal is consistent with the City of Moonee Valley's policy for sites of natural significance: to conserve and enhance the remnants of indigenous vegetation found in the municipality.
- The Napier Park Management Plan (1992).
- The implementation measures to control pest animals for improved environmental protection

## 6.0 Reference Documents

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McDougall, K., 1987, "Sites of Botanical significance in the Western Region of Melbourne.", *Western Regional Commission, Melbourne.*

*City of Essendon, 1992, Napier Park Management Plan.*

*Department of Conservation & Environment, 1990, "Remnant Native Grasslands and Grassy Woodlands of the Melbourne Area", DCE, Melbourne.*