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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as VPO1.

ROADSIDE VEGETATION PROTECTION AREAS

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Areas of remnant vegetation are fragmented in the Moyne Shire and road reserves represent one of the largest remaining areas supporting remnant native vegetation within the municipality.

Road reserves are important locations of rare, threatened and endangered flora and fauna species. The vegetation plays an important role as a wildlife habitat, and often provides corridors for movement. It is important to maintain and enhance these habitat and corridor values.

Roadside vegetation also determines the quality of travel experience and contributes to the visual quality of the area.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect areas of significant remnant vegetation located along roadsides that act as habitat corridors and or as linkages with other more significant areas of remnant native vegetation.

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Permit requirement

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation which is not native vegetation.

An application to remove native vegetation must:

- Indicate the total extent of native vegetation on the subject land and the extent of proposed clearing, destruction or lopping; the location of any river, stream, watercourse, wetland or channel on the subject land; and, if relevant, the location of areas with a slope exceeding 20%.
- Specify the purpose of the proposed clearing.
- Demonstrate that the need for removal, destruction or lopping of remnant native vegetation has been avoided and minimised to the greatest extent practicable.
- Specify a proposal to compensate for the loss of the vegetation.
- Include a description of the vegetation and the habitat significance of the area, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider as appropriate:

- The flora and fauna conservation value of the roadside area.
- The presence or potential presence of any rare or threatened species.
- The need for a report, by a properly qualified person and to the satisfaction of the responsible authority, on the vegetation and habitat significance of the vegetation to be removed.
- Any other relevant, Action Statement, Recovery Plan Biodiversity Action Plan or similar documentation.
- The need to use local endemic flora species for revegetation.
- The need to fence off roadside vegetation areas to protect their environmental values.
- The landscape, recreational and amenity values of the vegetation.
- The role of roadsides as corridors for the movement of fauna and avifauna between areas of native vegetation.

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- Protecting vegetation from damage and disturbance caused by mowing, burning, grazing, droving, cultivation, spraying, grading, road formation and drainage works.
- Pest plant and animal control.
- The habitat value of dead trees and logs.
- Maintaining sight distance and clearance to fixed objects for road safety.
- Whether buildings, works or use could be more appropriately located on cleared land.
- Any relevant fire management plan.