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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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

ROADSIDE GRASSLAND PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

The vegetation subject to this schedule is:

- Remnant grassland or other significant vegetation which is classified as depleted, rare or threatened at a State wide level.
- Habitat of Victorian Rare or Threatened (VROT) flora or fauna species or community, as identified on the Selected Biodiversity Components Map, Local Government Area of the Pyrenees, Natural Resource Systems Project Ref: P6285; and Western (Basalt) Plains Grassland Community AS No 53.
- Categorised as foothill forest, grassland and grassy woodland vegetation which is classified as depleted, rare or threatened at the State wide level.
- Vegetation connecting significant remnant vegetation.
- Identified in the former *Lexton Shire Roadside Survey* (1991) as having high conservation value, or vegetation forming significant wildlife corridors.
- Identified in the Final Recommendations Land Conservation Council Ballarat Study Area 1982.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

- To protect areas of significant native vegetation.
- To maintain habitat corridors for indigenous fauna.
- To ensure development minimises loss of indigenous 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 should:

- Specify the purpose of the proposed clearing.
- Demonstrate that the need for removal, destruction or lopping of remnant native vegetation has been reduced to the maximum extent that is reasonable and practicable.
- Include a report on the vegetation and habitat significance of the area subject to the permit, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority in consultation with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.
- Specify proposals for revegetation following disturbance or restoration of an alternate site, including proposed species and ground stabilisation.
- Have regard to *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management – A Framework for Action*.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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

- The value of the flora, fauna or habitat in terms of physical condition, rarity or variety,
- The purpose of removing, destructing or lopping of native vegetation and alternative options for carrying out development on the land or other less significant road reserves.
- The likely effect of removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation on resident and migratory fauna.
- The need to retain trees (live and dead) with hollows, for habitat value.
- The need to retain the connectivity in a local or regional context of linear remnants (vegetation along roadsides, railway lines, rivers and streams) and biolinks.
- Appropriate measures to prevent invasion of native vegetation and habitat by environmental weeds and pests.
- The future use of the land and whether it is appropriate to include conditions requiring planting, replanting or other treatment of any part of the land.
- The application of *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management – a Framework for Action*