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SCHEDULE 3 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO3

COASTAL SETTLEMENTS

1.0 Statement of Environmental Significance

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South Gippsland contains some of Victoria's most significant coastal areas. Wilsons Promontory, Corner Inlet, Waratah Bay, Shallow Inlet, Walkerville, Cape Liptrap, Venus Bay and Andersons Inlet are all important coastal areas. They are important for their environmental, economic, recreational, cultural, heritage values and rugged appeal. While obviously of immense interest, it is important that the coast is protected from inappropriate development and mismanagement of both coastal and inland areas.

2.0 Environmental Objectives to be achieved

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To protect and enhance the natural beauty of the coastal area.

To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the coastal area.

To minimise the risk of erosion, pollution and destruction of the environment through poorly managed development.

To ensure that development adjacent to coastal areas is compatible with the environment and does not result in adverse impacts on coastal processes.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is not required to construct the following buildings or to construct or carry out the following works:

Agricultural activities

- Agricultural activities including ploughing, fencing and the construction of a dam with a capacity of less than 3000 cubic metres.
- Buildings or works specifically identified in a whole farm plan prepared to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Infrastructure

The lay out of underground sewerage, water and gas mains, oil pipelines, underground telephone lines and underground power lines provided they do not alter the topography of the land.

Power lines

Telephone or power lines provided they do not involve the construction of towers.

Buildings and works:

- A building, which is ancillary to a dwelling, has a floor area of less than 100 square metres and is not used for accommodation, provided all external cladding materials are finished and maintained in muted, non reflective tones.
- Extension to an existing dwelling provided the additional floor area is less than 100square metres, provided all external cladding materials are finished and maintained in muted, non reflective tones.
- Buildings and works undertaken by or on behalf of the Department of Sustainability & Environment on coastal Crown land under relevant legislation
- Buildings and works undertaken by or on behalf of Parks Victoria in relation to its obligations under relevant legislation.

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop non-indigenous vegetation in a domestic garden.

An application must be accompanied by supporting information and or plans showing:

- The existing conditions including watercourses vegetation, contour intervals at suitable scale.
- The location and layout of buildings and works.

All applications for development on Coastal Crown land, as defined under the Coastal Management Act, 1995, must be referred in accordance with Section 55 of the Act to the referral authority specified in Clause 66.04 or a schedule to that clause.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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

- The purpose of the overlay.
- The maintenance and improvement of the stability of the coastal dunes and coastlines.
- The preservation of any existing natural vegetation.
- The conservation of any areas of environmental importance or significance.
- The intensity of human activity which the landscapes and the environment the area can sustain.
- The existing use and possible development of the land and nearby land.
- The effect of development on the use and development of other land which has a common means of drainage.
- Whether the development of the land will be detrimental to the natural environment.
- The availability of water, sewerage, drainage, electricity and other services.
- Whether or not the site is large enough to enable the adequate disposal and treatment of effluent through a septic tank system.
- The siting, colour and design of buildings and works.
- The protection of the area for its recreational value.
- The risk of fire.
- Any relevant coastal study adopted by the Shire of South Gippsland.
- The views of the Department of Sustainability and Environment in respect to:
 - Subdivision applications of greater than four lots or any subdivision application which may have adverse environmental effects.
 - Applications which immediately abut Crown Land.
 - Applications which in the opinion of the responsible authority, may have adverse impact, on Crown Land.
 - Applications which in the opinion of the responsible authority may adversely affect coastal processes, dune systems (including tertiary systems), have possible effect on aquatic habitat and flora and fauna habitat.
 - Applications which in the opinion of the responsible authority may cause or otherwise cause erosion, land degradation or affect land stability on either the subject land or on adjoining land.
 - Applications which in the opinion of the responsible authority may adversely affect wildlife habitat and sites of biological or zoological significance.