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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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

LOVERS HILL AVENEL

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Native vegetation including two grassy threatened ecological communities that are listed under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (C'th) (EPBC Act). These are: White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland (Critically Endangered) and Grey Box (Eucalyptus microcarpa) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia (Endangered).

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect remnant native vegetation in the Lovers Hill area of Avenel.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop all native vegetation.

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Application requirements

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 watercourse and the location of any 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 reduced to the maximum extent that is reasonable and practical.
- Specify proposals for revegetation following disturbance or restoration of an alternate site, including proposed species and ground stabilisation.
- The applicant must demonstrate the three-step approach of Avoid, Minimise and Offset as required by Clause 12.01 of the State Planning Policy Framework in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme and to the satisfaction of the Department of Sustainability & Environment.
- Provide an appropriate offset for any approved vegetation removal to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and Department of Sustainability & Environment.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The need to remove any native remnant vegetation.
- The significance of native vegetation.
- The need for replacement vegetation of an appropriate species.

- The need to protect vegetation from damage and disturbance by mowing, burning, grazing, cultivation, spraying and the like.
- Pest plant and animal control.
- The habitat value of dead trees and logs.
- The likely impact on any native fauna species in the area.
- Any comments of the Department of Sustainability and Environment.