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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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URBAN CHARACTER VEGETATION

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Trees in private gardens and public spaces are significant as an important component of high quality and distinctive urban character in areas identified in the Ballarat Urban Character Study, 1999.

Garden trees are significant for their contribution to the amenity, aesthetic and cultural values of these urban character areas, particularly in residential areas.

Garden trees enhance individual properties and soften the appearance of buildings.

The canopies of trees in private gardens make a significant contribution to the quality and character of the adjacent public street spaces.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To retain the amenity, aesthetic character and cultural value that garden trees and street trees contribute to areas of high quality and distinctive urban character, particularly in residential areas.

To retain the presence of tree canopies as a significant feature contributing to the character of these areas, and of the public street space in particular.

To prevent the loss of garden trees incurred by new development.

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Permit requirement

For the purpose of Clause 42.02-2, the vegetation specified is any tree that is at least 4 metres high and located in a private front garden or within the road reserve.

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

A permit is not required to prune a tree to improve its health or appearance, provided its normal growth habit is not retarded.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the proposal meets the above vegetation protection objectives.
- The impact that the proposed tree removal would have on:
 - The character of the area.
 - The appearance of development on the site.
- For any proposal to plant new trees on the site, whether the proposed species are consistent with the character of existing vegetation, and the proportion of new trees that would be semi-advanced or advanced in size.
- Whether the lopping or removal of the vegetation is appropriate due to its age or health.

Reference: *"Ballarat Urban Character Study"*, John Patrick Pty Ltd and Allom Lovell and Associates Pty Ltd, 1999.