

22/05/2008
C46(Part 1)**SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as VPO1

SIGNIFICANT REMNANT VEGETATION**1.0 Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected**22/05/2008
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There is very little indigenous vegetation remaining on private land within the Shire. The significant flora and fauna habitats are generally located on Crown land. Therefore, it is extremely important that what vegetation remains is protected from indiscriminate clearing, maintained and enhanced to form part of wildlife corridors to ensure biodiversity of locally indigenous species, and to be able to be enjoyed and appreciated by future generations.

Remaining vegetation generally occupies only small pockets throughout the rural areas of the Shire. Some areas form part of sites identified as being of Regional zoological significance.

There is also some significant remnant vegetation within Tenby Point residential estate. Dwellings are generally constructed below the tree canopy and designed and sited to blend in with the surrounding natural environment. It is important that vegetation is retained to maintain the unique characteristics of the estate, and to provide important elements of existing wildlife corridors.

2.0 Vegetation protection objective to be achieved22/05/2008
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To protect and enhance existing remnant vegetation throughout the Shire.

3.0 Permit requirement22/05/2008
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A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation.

A permit is not required for:

- The pruning of vegetation for maintenance.
- The removal, destruction or lopping of dead vegetation.

4.0 Decision guidelines22/05/2008
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Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- The effect on the habitat value and long term viability of remnant vegetation in the locality.
- The significance of the vegetation, particularly if it forms part of a recognised wildlife corridor.
- The reason for any removal of any vegetation and whether an alternative option can be developed which conserves the vegetation.
- The effect any removal of vegetation will have on groundwater recharge and discharge areas.
- The purpose of the underlying zone.

References

Sites of Zoological Significance in the Westernport Region, Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, Andrew et al., 1984.