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C46 (Part 2)**SCHEDULE 2 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY**Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO2****PHILLIP ISLAND****1.0**17/04/2008
C46 (Part 2)**Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected**

It is estimated that less than 15 per cent of Phillip Island retains a natural cover of vegetation. Given the general lack of vegetation on Phillip Island, it is important to protect indigenous and large native trees in urban areas. It is also important to encourage and facilitate the planting of vegetation indigenous to a particular locality to maintain and enhance the natural environment of the urban areas of Phillip Island and to enhance habitat.

The urban areas of Phillip Island are generally characterised by native vegetation that contribute towards the character of these seaside communities and provide habitat for native fauna. Conservation and enhancement of the natural environment is very important to the character of these urban areas.

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C46 (Part 2)**Vegetation protection objective to be achieved**

To protect and enhance existing indigenous and larger native species within the urban area of Phillip Island

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C46 (Part 2)**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any tree or shrub with a girth greater than 30 centimetres (when measured 30 centimetres above ground level) or a height of at least two metres.

This does not apply to introduced species of ornamental shrubs or fruit trees or to species identified as being weeds; or to pruning.

A permit is not required for:

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

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C46 (Part 2)**Decision guidelines**

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 native 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.