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C55**SCHEDULE 4 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO4****HABITAT PROTECTION****1.0 Statement of environmental significance**18/06/2009
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The Colac Otway Shire – Sites of Biodiversity Significance, June 2002 identifies the particular characteristics of rare and threatened habitat found in the Shire.

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved19/01/2006
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The objective to be achieved is:

- To protect Victorian Rare or Threatened (VROT) flora and fauna species or communities and significant habitats for native flora and fauna.
- To maintain and enhance the long-term viability of significant flora and fauna populations and habitats listed in the table to this schedule.
- To ensure development does not adversely impact on rare or threatened species and their habitats.
- To encourage the re-establishment of habitat areas and to remove or modify threatening processes and introduced plant species.

3.0 Permit requirement18/06/2009
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A permit is not required for the following:

- buildings and works associated with informal outdoor recreation, except involving any new effluent disposal system; or
- outbuildings less than 300m² in floor area; or
- alterations and addition to a dwelling of less than 130m² in additional floor area, except involving any new effluent disposal system; or
- works undertaken by a public authority relating to watercourse management, environmental improvements or infrastructure services; or
- the removal of any non-native vegetation.

4.0 Application requirements18/06/2009
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An application must include the following information:

- The total extent of native vegetation on the property and the extent of native vegetation proposed to be removed.
- The location of areas, if any, with a gradient exceeding 25%.
- The purpose of the proposed vegetation removal.
- Details of any proposed revegetation, including the proposed species to be planted and any proposals for ground stabilisation.
- If the area of proposed native vegetation removal exceeds 400 square metres, a report by a suitably qualified person which describes the vegetation and habitat significance

of the site and the likely impact of the proposed vegetation removal on the habitat value of the site and surrounding area.

5.0 Referral/notice of applications

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An application 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 unless in the opinion of the responsible authority, the proposal satisfies requirements or conditions previously agreed to in writing between the responsible authority and the referral authority.

Council may seek the comments on any application in accordance with Section 52(1)(c) of the Act from the authority specified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause.

6.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The particular characteristics of the habitat listed in the table in this schedule and referenced in the map titled Colac Otway Shire – Sites of Biodiversity Significance, June 2002.
- The effect of the proposed removal of native vegetation on the habitat value and long term viability of flora and fauna and rare, endangered and threatened species.
- The significance of the native bushland area.
- The reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require removal of native vegetation.
- Whether the application is subject to the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

COLAC OTWAY PLANNING SCHEME

Ref. No.	Location	Rare, threatened or remnant species present	Breeding Site	Directory of important wetlands	High Biodiversity values/links	Comments
(1)	East side of Cressy Township	Yes				Native Grassland
(2)	Cressy Trotting Track	Yes				Native Grassland & Striped Legless Lizard
(3)	Chatham's	Yes				Native Grassland, Plains Wander & SLL.
(4)	Lake Beeac	Yes		Ramsar		Spiny Pepper- cress
(5)	Beeac Swamp	Yes				" "
(6)	Pipe Clay Lake	Yes				" "
(7)	Black Bridge Pool	Yes	Yes			Brolga breeding site
(8)	Greyholme	Yes	Yes			" " "
(9)	Tanis Property	Yes	Yes			" " "
(10)	Islands/Cundare Pool	Yes	Yes, various	Yes		Waterbird breeding site & Brolga, Cape Barren Geese, Freckle Duck, Blue Bill Duck
(11)	Mt Hesse	Yes	Yes			Brolga breeding site
(12)	Turkeith	Yes	Yes			" " "
(13)	Turkeith	Yes	Yes			" " "
(14)	Mt. Hesse	Yes	Yes			" " "
(15)	Mingawalla	Yes	Yes			" " "
(16)	Prices Lane	Yes	Yes			" " "
(17)	Nth Poorneet Rd	Yes	Yes		Yes	Striped Legless Lizard
(18)	Wool Wool Rocks	Yes	Yes	Ramsar	Yes	Colonial waterbird breeding site
(19)	Barrage	Yes		Ramsar	Yes	Coxiella beds and substrate for native vegetation.
(20)	Wool Wool	Yes	Yes			Corangamite

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						W/skink
(21)	Lake Colac Delaneys Rd and Mathew's Lagoon	Yes	Yes			Corangamite W/skink
(22)	Lake Ayrey	Yes	Yes	W/life Res.		Brolga breeding site
(23)	Bleak House	Yes	Yes			“ “ “
(24)	Porcupine Ck	Yes				Yarra Gum
(25)	West of Forrest	Yes				V P Grevillea
(26)	Wye River	Yes				Aust. Mud Fish
(27)	Stoneyford wetland				Yes	Ibis
(28)	Beeac/Dreeite Rd.	Yes			Yes	Corangamite W/skink & Remnant banksias
(29)	Boundary Creek				Yes	Remnant vegetation
(30)	Skenes Ck/Tanybryn	Yes			Yes	Rainforest Community
(31)	Smythes Creek	Yes			Yes	Rainforest Community
(32)	Chapple Ck.South Branch	Yes			Yes	Rainforest Community
(33)	Nth of Melba Gully	Yes			Yes	Rainforest Community
(34)	Upper Johanna	Yes			Yes	Rainforest Community