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C105**SCHEDULE 4 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as VPO4.

**SPRINGTHORPE – SIGNIFICANT VEGETATION****1.0**22/11/2012  
C105**Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected**

The Springthorpe Estate has significant exotic and indigenous vegetation, some of which formed part of a structured landscape developed when the previous hospital was established on the land. The estate has a substantial tree population of formal and informal plantings of native and exotic species on private land, public land and road reserves. These trees include remnant river red gums that form an essential part of the area's natural setting.

Existing native and exotic vegetation in the Springthorpe Estate forms a significant and essential part of the character of the estate and surrounding area. Mature trees make major contributions towards the natural and developed landscape, habitat value and open space system and linkages of the estate and general area.

**2.0**22/11/2012  
C105**Vegetation protection objective to be achieved**

- To provide for the long-term preservation of significant vegetation on the Springthorpe Estate.
- To minimise effects on and protect significant vegetation in conjunction with the residential development of the estate.
- To conserve and restore the landscape quality of mature and protected exotic and indigenous vegetation.
- To preserve the environmental and cultural significance of mature and protected vegetation.
- To protect significant native and exotic trees to maintain the natural and developed landscape and character of the estate.
- To protect exotic and native trees providing habitat value and habitat and open space linkages between open space and public land areas.

**3.0**22/11/2012  
C105**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any tree identified for protection in the *Assessment of Trees for VPO Update in Springthorpe Estate, Macleod 16 May 2010*.

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C105**Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application to remove, destroy or lop any tree, the responsible authority must consider:

- Incorporated Document *Assessment of Trees for VPO Update in Springthorpe Estate, Macleod 16 May 2010*.
- Potential effect on the significance, health and appearance of a tree.
- Maintenance of the natural, developed and cultural landscape and character of the site and area.
- Maintenance of contribution towards habitat value and open space linkages within the estate and with adjoining and nearby land.
- Need for and compliance with a land management plan and / or arborist's report assessing and justifying the proposal for tree removal or works, including a full assessment of the vegetation type and significance, an outline of the need to remove vegetation and the practicality of alternative options that do not require the removal of vegetation.
- The impact of a tree(s) on the structural integrity of existing buildings and foundations and other structures and works, including swimming pools, tennis courts and paved areas.

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- Whether a sufficient buildings and works envelope is available to reasonably develop the land for residential purposes without affecting identified significant trees.
- For proposals to remove significant vegetation, the need to replace and the ability to establish and maintain vegetation elsewhere on the land.