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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO1.

GREENS ROAD PLAINS GRASSLAND AREA

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Statement of environmental significance

The area is one of the few remaining remnants of the Plains Grassland (South Gippsland) community. It is a listed community under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 being a community that is significantly prone to future threats which are likely to result in extinction. The community is very rare and includes 18 species considered to be regionally significant and one species regarded as vulnerable to extinction in Victoria.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To maintain and enhance flora and fauna which is habitat:

- Categorised as a remnant of the Plains Grassland (South Gippsland) community and is listed under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.
- That supports a high diversity of indigenous plant species, including 18 species considered to be regionally significant and one species River Swamp-Wallaby Grass (*Amphibromus fluitans*) regarded as vulnerable to extinction in Victoria.
- That is prone to adverse management practices which, unless addressed, are likely to result in its disappearance.

Reference: Sites of Ecological Significance on the Heavy Soils Plains South East of Melbourne (Damien Cook, in preparation)

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Permit requirement

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation that is not native vegetation.

An application must specify:

- The purpose of the proposed subdivision, building, works or removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.
- Measures to protect or improve the condition of native habitat.
- Proposals for rehabilitation of habitat, including revegetation following disturbance or restoration of an alternative site, including proposed species and ground stabilisation.

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.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- The need to retain remnant vegetation, and conserve flora and fauna habitats, including habitat corridors and biolinks.
- The value of the flora, fauna or habitat in terms of physical condition, rarity or variety.
- The purpose of the subdivision, building, works or removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation and alternative options for carrying out development on the land.

- The likely effect on resident and migratory fauna.
- The need to retain the connectivity in a local, regional, statewide or national context of linear remnants (vegetation along roadsides, railway lines, rivers and streams), habitat corridors and biolinks.
- Appropriate measures to prevent invasion of native vegetation and habitat by environmental weeds and pests.
- The future use of the land and whether it is appropriate to include conditions requiring planting, replanting or other treatment of any part of the land.