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C54**SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO1**.

Remnant Vegetation**1.0**22/12/2016
C54**Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected**

Remnant native vegetation forms a significant part of the network of vegetation and habitat on public and private land in the Shire.

The extensive network of vegetation on public land throughout the Central Highlands and Macedon Ranges has assisted in preventing the further fragmentation of remnant vegetation.

The areas are considered significant because of one or more of the following:

- The vegetation comprises important bio-diversity links or corridors between larger Public Land blocks of forest.
- The vegetation forms a link between a major block of vegetation and smaller remnant areas.
- Areas are considered to be of high conservation significance containing diverse flora and fauna and/or rare and threatened species or communities.
- Areas are representative of a depleted vegetation type in the Region or State.
- Areas comprise important visual and scenic values.
- Areas consolidate remnant corridors along streams.

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VC37**Vegetation protection objective to be achieved**

- To protect depleted, rare or threatened foothill forest, grassland and grassy woodland vegetation.
- To protect Victorian Rare or Threatened flora and fauna species.
- To maintain and enhance roadside vegetation that provides linkages between significant remnant vegetation.
- To protect the remnant vegetation and the habitat it provides.
- To protect and enhance linkages between remnant vegetation on public and private land.

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C41**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation.

A permit is not required for:

The removal, destruction or lopping of all vegetation including trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses, to the minimum extent necessary for works undertaken by or on behalf of Central Highlands Water required for the construction of the Goldfields Superpipe Project in accordance with the Project Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan approved by the Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the native vegetation offset plan approved by the Minister for Environment.

Requirements for applications

An application to remove native vegetation on roadsides must:

- Specify the purpose of the proposed clearing.
- Demonstrate that the need for removal, destruction or lopping of remnant vegetation has been reduced to the maximum extent that is reasonable and practicable.
- Include a report on the vegetation and habitat significance of the area subject to the permit in consultation with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- Specify proposals for revegetation following disturbance, or the restoration of an alternative site, including proposed species and ground treatment.

An application to remove, destroy or lop native remnant vegetation must also:

- Indicate the total extent of native vegetation on the subject land and the extent of proposed clearing, destruction or lopping, the location of any stream, river, watercourse, wetland or channel on the subject land, and if relevant any area with a slope exceeding 25%.
- If the area of the proposed clearing exceeds 0.4ha, include a report on the vegetation and habitat significance of the area subject to the permit in consultation with the Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning.

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Decision guidelines

The Responsible Authority must consider:

- The value of the flora, fauna or habitat in terms of physical condition, rarity or variety.
- The purpose for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation, and alternative options for undertaking the use or development with less impact, or on less significant land.
- The likely effect of the removal, destruction or lopping on resident and migratory fauna.
- The need to retain live and dead trees with hollows for habitat.
- The need to retain connectivity or biolinks in a local, regional, statewide or national context.
- Appropriate measures to prevent invasion of native vegetation by environmental weeds and pest.
- The future use of the land and whether it is appropriate to include conditions requiring replanting or other treatment of any part of the land.

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Reference documents

- *Hepburn Significant Tree Register Nominations 2011 - Statements of Significance Report, with Planning Scheme Amendment, November 2015.*