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SCHEDULE 4 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as VPO 4

Greenvale Rise - River Redgums

This schedule applies to land on the 'Greenvale Rise' development site, situated on the eastern side of Mickleham Road between Somerton and Craigieburn West Roads, Greenvale.

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Four large Red Gums have been identified within the Greenvale Rise Development Site. These are considered to be the last remaining specimens of this species on the property. Although the ground flora below these eucalypts is almost completely exotic, the trees should be considered to be of regional or state significance. In particular, the two Red Gums southern trees have diameter of 2-3 metres and are potentially over 300 years old.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect the four remaining four Redgums within the Greenvale Rise Estate in sufficient land to protect the on going survival and potential regeneration of the species.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required to remove native vegetation.

An application to remove native vegetation must indicate:

The total extent of vegetation on the property and the extent of native vegetation proposed to be cleared.

The purpose of the proposed clearing and any proposals for revegetation, including proposed species, and ground stabilisation.

A report by a suitable qualified person which describes the vegetation and habitat significance of the site, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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Decision guidelines

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

The effect of the proposed removal of native vegetation on the habitat value and long term viability of remnant grasses in the vicinity.

The significance of the native vegetation area.

The reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require removal of the native vegetation.