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SCHEDULE 8 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO8**.

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Council's vision for the area between the Macedon and Cobaw Ranges is establishing a biolink between these areas of significant vegetation. Any existing native vegetation is valuable for its contribution of mature vegetation to this corridor.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect and enhance all remnant native vegetation for its role in biodiversity and habitat.

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Permit requirement

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

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Application requirements

An application to remove native vegetation must accompanied by a report which;

- Provides full details of the vegetation to be removed, lopped or destroyed, including species, age and number of plants to be removed or lopped;
- Provides an assessment of the significance of the vegetation at a local level;
- Demonstrates conclusively that the works requiring the removal/lopping/destruction of the native vegetation are essential and consistent with Council's vision for the area;
- Provides details of the revegetation works planned to mitigate the loss of the vegetation proposed to be removed, lopped or destroyed.

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Referral of applications

Any application must be referred in accordance with Section 55 of the Act to the referral authority specified in Clause 55.04 or a schedule to that clause.

A referral agreement between the responsible authority and the referral authority may be in place that may affect the above requirement.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The need to protect all native vegetation in this area to pursue the "Cobaw Biolink" vision.
- The relative value of the vegetation in terms of the surrounding vegetation community and at a regional level.
- The threat of soil erosion and land slip resulting from loss of vegetation.
- The need to locate access roads across slope to minimise visual intrusion of the road on land where slope is greater than 20 per cent.