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VC103**SCHEDULE 2 TO THE RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE**Shown on the planning scheme map as **RCZ2**.**Conservation Values**

The Rural Conservation land has been applied to areas of environmental significance identified through detailed flora and fauna assessments of the Growth Areas Precinct Planning Process. The land is within the Victorian Volcanic Plain bio-region and would have supported low-rainfall Plains Grassland Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC 132_63) as well as riparian EVCs within the Stony Hill Creek tributary.

An area of Plains Grassy Wetland (EVC 125) remains around the large dam at the eastern boundary of the PSP area where indigenous flora species are present. Plains Grassy Wetland has an 'endangered' conservation status within Victoria and the patch within the precinct has high conservation significance. The critically endangered Spiny Rice-flower and state significance Small Scurf-Pea have been recorded in this area.

This dam also has conservation value as potential habitat for Growling Grass Frog habitat and known habitat for Bibron's Toadlet. Growling Grass Frog is listed under the Federal EPBC Act 1999 as vulnerable and is listed as endangered under the State's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988. Bibron's Toadlet has a conservation status of vulnerable and is listed as threatened under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.

The Rural Conservation Zone has been applied to protect the patch of Plains Grassy Wetland, identify and manage potential endangered flora species including Small Scurf Pea and Spiny Rice Flower and ensure development does not negatively impact on habitat for the endangered Growling Grass Frog and Bibron's Toadlet.

	Land	Area/Dimensions/Number
Minimum subdivision area (hectares).	None specified	
Maximum floor area for which no permit is required to alter or extend an existing dwelling (square metres).	None specified	
Maximum floor area for which no permit is required to construct an out-building associated with a dwelling (square metres).	None specified	
Maximum area for which no permit is required to alter or extend an existing building used for agriculture (square metres).	None Specified	

Permit requirement for earthworks	Land
Earthworks which change the rate of flow or the discharge point of water across a property boundary.	All land
Earthworks which increase the discharge of saline groundwater.	All land