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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO1**.

EASTERN BARRED BANDICOOT AREA

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Statement of environmental significance

The Eastern Barred Bandicoot is one of Victoria's most endangered mammals. Formerly widespread across the basalt plains of western Victoria, it has suffered a greater than 99% reduction in range and abundance. The recovery programme for the species (DNRE Action Statement No.4 under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act) is intended to ensure to its immediate survival, and involves the management of the semi-wild population in the Hamilton area. The protection of the habitat of this species is fundamental to its survival.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To assist the survival of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot

To protect current and potential habitat of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot.

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Decision guidelines

Applications are to 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.

Any application must demonstrate that it has taken into account the habitat of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot and should include measures to protect and enhance this habitat.

Proposals that have a detrimental impact on the Eastern Barred Bandicoot and its habitat will be discouraged.