

19/01/2006
VC37**SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO 1

SYDENHAM RADIO TRANSMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AREA**1.0**19/01/2006
VC37**Statement of environmental significance**

The 90 hectare site contains large expanses of Wallaby grass (*danthonia* spp.) and Wallaby grass – Spear grass (*Stipa* spp) grassland of regional botanical significance. It represents a basalt plains grassland flora enhanced by transplanting from other sites with numerous rare and threatened flora species.

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VC37**Environmental objective to be achieved**

To protect populations or communities of native plants and fauna of national, state or regional significance consistent with the principles and requirements of the Commonwealth Endangered Species Protection Act 1992 and the Victoria Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.

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VC37**Permit requirement**

An application to use land to construct a building or construct or carry out works, to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation, or to subdivide land must be accompanied by the following:

- The results of a detailed flora and fauna survey and assessment of the land which is undertaken by qualified and experienced personnel using methods acceptable to the Department administering the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 and which documents:
 - Any significant populations or communities of native plants.
 - Any significant populations of native fauna.
 - Any concentrations of environmental weeds.
- An independent review of the flora and fauna survey and assessment undertaken by appropriately qualified and experienced personnel.
- Information that demonstrates that development impacts on the sites of national, state or regional significance for flora and fauna would be minimised and that the integrity of the site will be maintained or enhanced.
- A Land Management Plan prepared in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Brimbank Natural Heritage Strategy which presents details of proposed arrangements for the effective and ongoing management of the land consistent with the environmental objectives to this schedule.
- A demonstration that adequate safeguards would be put in place to ensure that activities in any developed portions of the land do not detrimentally affect significant communities or populations of native plants or native fauna or their habitats.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application to use land to construct a building or construct or carry out works, to remove destroy or lop vegetation, or to subdivide land the responsible authority must consider:

- The State Planning Policy Framework.
- The comments of the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

The responsible authority must be satisfied that:

- The flora and fauna survey and assessment of the land has been adequately completed under appropriate seasonal conditions.
- The flora and fauna survey and assessment has been independently reviewed in an appropriate manner.
- Any development plans for the land clearly take into consideration the environmental objectives of this schedule.

Implementation of the land management plan will prevent detrimental impacts on significant communities or populations of native plants and fauna.