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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO1**

ROADSIDE AND CORRIDOR PROTECTION AREA

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Remnant vegetation is significant for the conservation and recreation values it provides.

Remnant vegetation often contains mature trees and/or trees with hollows which are rare in this area and vital for fauna conservation.

Retaining vegetation is also crucial to catchment management, in terms of both surface and ground water quality, the control of salinity, acidity and waterlogging and prevention of erosion.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

The preservation of existing indigenous vegetation and rare and threatened flora and fauna species on linear reserves, including roadsides.

The maintenance of landscape qualities on roadsides.

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Permit requirement

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation that is not native.

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation necessary for works undertaken by or on behalf of Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water for the construction of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project in accordance with the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project Environmental Management Plan Framework and Detailed Design Phase – Supply System 5 Murray/Culgoa approved by the Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application for a permit, the responsible authority must consider as appropriate, to the particular case, the following:

- The conservation and enhancement of the area.
- The preservation of, and impact on, the natural environment or landscape values.
- The role of native vegetation in conserving flora and fauna and in providing food, shade and shelter for native fauna.
- The need to retain native vegetation if it is rare or supports rare species of flora or fauna, and where it forms part of a wildlife corridor.
- Whether provision has been made or is to be made to establish and maintain native vegetation elsewhere on the land.
- The sensitive location of driveways or crossings over roadside reserves.