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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO2.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, CRANBOURNE

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Statement of environmental significance

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne (RBGC) is special because of its ecological integrity and its location. Within an area that has been extensively modified since European settlement, it is one of the last tracts of native bushland that has remained relatively intact.

It is noted for its diverse ecosystems found in tea tree heathlands, swamps, sedgeland and wet heathlands. Many species of native plants and animals not often seen in urbanised areas find refuge in the RBGC. The Gardens are also sited over ancient sand dunes which have geological and geomorphological significance.

The RBGC is valued by the community because of its accessibility and proximity to built up areas. It needs careful nurturing so that its special environmental qualities can be appreciated by future residents of the South Eastern Growth Area.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To protect sites of zoological, geological and botanical significance within the Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne from inappropriate use and development.

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Permit requirement

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop:

- vegetation associated with the maintenance of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne;
- vegetation specifically grown and harvested for domestic or agricultural purposes;
- the following environmental weed species:
 - Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*);
 - Sallow Wattle (*Acacia longifolia subsp. Longifolia*);
 - Coast Wattle (*Acacia longifolia subsp. Sophorae*).

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application for a permit the responsible authority will consider:

- The advice of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.
- The need to conserve and enhance sites of scientific and environmental significance.
- Alternative means of using land or locating buildings and works that ensure the integrity of sites of scientific and environmental significance is not compromised.

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