SCHEDULE 2 TO CLAUSE 42.01 ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO2.

ABBOTTS ROAD VEGETATION PROTECTION AREA

1.0

Statement of environmental significance

The area contains the most extensive stand of River Red Gum in the region and therefore contains the best example of fauna habitat typical to such environments in the region.

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Environmental objective to be achieved

To preserve and enhance the River Red Gum woodland which is highly regionally significant, being the most extensive stand of River Red Gum in the region and which supports a diversity of significant flora and fauna.

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Permit requirement

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

An application must:

- Specify the purpose of the proposed subdivision, building, works or removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.
- Demonstrate that any proposed removal, destruction or lopping of remnant native vegetation has been reduced to the maximum extent that is reasonable and practical.
- Specify measures to protect or improve the condition of native habitat.

An application must 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.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- The need to retain remnant vegetation, and conserve flora and fauna habitats.
- The purpose of the subdivision, building, works or removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation and alternative options for carrying out development on the land.
- The value of the flora or fauna in terms of physical condition and regional or state significance.
- Appropriate measures to prevent invasion of native vegetation and habitat by environmental weeds and pests.
- Appropriate measures to prevent detrimental alterations to the natural hydrology of the area.
- The future use of the land and whether it is appropriate to include conditions requiring planting, replanting or any other treatment of any part of the land.
- The management of vegetation to minimise fire hazard.