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**SITES OF BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This policy applies to applications for vegetation removal in the Vegetation Protection Overlay Schedule 1.

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**Policy basis**

This policy builds on the MSS objective in clause 21.10 to encourage the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment including the maintenance of clean air and water and protection of canopy vegetation, and to encourage the complete regeneration of the Wicklow Hills Ridge and Loughnan Warranwood Ridge environment.

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**Objectives**

To ensure that all species of indigenous flora and fauna remain present in Maroondah.

To increase the presence of indigenous flora and fauna throughout Maroondah.

To ensure that indigenous flora remains viable in Maroondah.

To recognise the importance of maintaining biological diversity to the health of the environment of Maroondah.

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**Policy**

It is policy to:

- Ensure development does not result in a nett loss of indigenous vegetation or biodiversity.
- Ensure development maintains and improves the ongoing viability of the biological diversity of the site.
- Recognise and protect dead and fallen vegetation with habitat value.
- Recognise the linkage and wildlife corridor value of indigenous vegetation.

**Application requirements**

An application for vegetation removal must be accompanied by the following information prepared by qualified botanist or horticulturalist, as appropriate:

- A detailed plan showing the total extent of native vegetation on the property and the extent of the native vegetation to be removed.
- Detailed contour information and other significant features.
- The habitat type, species and condition of all vegetation on the property.
- A statement of inspection for dead trees.
- The purpose of the proposed removal.
- Details of any proposed revegetation, habitat reinstatement or relocation works, including the location, number and species of vegetation to be planted.
- A statement of alternatives examined to removal of vegetation.
- Identification of protective measures for the balance of the site.
- For sites of municipal significance or higher, a management plan be prepared identifying measures to be taken to preserve and enhance the biological values of the site in addition to the above plan.

**Policy references**

Sites of Biological Significance in Maroondah Vols 1 & 2, G. S. Lorimer, J. C. Reid, L. P. Smith and H. Moss, 1997