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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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

BLACKWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONS

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

The township of Blackwood provides one of the most scenic localities within the Moorabool Shire, largely as a result of the native vegetation present in the township, and which complements surrounding State Forest areas. The trees provide scenic qualities to the town, and should be retained to maintain the townscape ambience and scenic attributes for which Blackwood is renowned.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

- To protect and maintain the landscape, vistas, environment, habitat and natural heritage and features of the township.
- To retain the visual dominance of the bush landscape.

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Application requirement

A Permit is required to remove, destroy or lop all native vegetation. Applications must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- The purpose of removal of the vegetation.
- Method of removal of the vegetation.
- Photographs of vegetation to be removed, or alternatively, a report from a qualified person detailing the status of the vegetation to be removed.
- A plan drawn to scale, showing the location and the area of the vegetation to be removed.
- Details of any replanting or regenerative measures to be undertaken.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The extent of vegetation to be removed.
- The purpose of removing the vegetation.
- Whether the removal of vegetation will detrimentally impact on the scenic nature of Blackwood.
- Any replanting or regenerative measures.