

26/11/2009
C41**SCHEDULE 4 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO4.

SILKY OAK AVENUE WODONGA**1.0**08/07/2008
C40**Statement of environmental significance**

The land contains vegetation that is characteristic of Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) 175 Grassy Woodland. This EVC is classified as Endangered within the Victorian Riverina Bioregion. The subject area also supports vegetation that is characteristic of the nationally (EPBC Act 1999) listed community “White Box, Yellow Box, Blakely’s Red Gum Grassy White Box Woodland and derived grasslands”.

The land supports areas of native vegetation of very high conservation significance, including one of the best patches of Grassy Woodland with floristically diverse shrub components in the Wodonga area. The rare *Pultanaea foliolosa* (Small-leaf Bush-pea) is well represented within the *Themeda triandra* (Kangaroo Grass) grassy woodland.

The land is considered significant because the following apply:

- The land would benefit from revegetation with suitable native plants to consolidate existing remnants and enhance ecological processes.
- The land consolidates with an adjacent major roadside corridor, the Bandiana Link, which is being revegetated with native plants.
- The areas of remnant vegetation are considered to be of very high conservation significance containing threatened species, communities and diverse flora.
- Areas are representative of threatened vegetation types in the region or State.
- Vegetation to be protected includes native trees, live or dead, and native understorey vegetation including shrubs, grasses and forbs

2.008/07/2008
C40**Environmental objective to be achieved**

To conserve and enhance the ecological values of vegetation within the area covered by this overlay in accordance with Victoria's Native Vegetation, a Framework for Action (VNVF).

To protect, conserve and enhance native vegetation, including grasses and ground flora.

To ensure that high value flora assets are protected in a reserve system or by other suitable mechanism.

To achieve a balance between native vegetation and built form which contributes substantially to local character and also serves important environmental functions in providing areas of habitat.

To ensure access by people is managed to facilitate appropriate use without damage to the environmental attributes of this site.

3.008/07/2008
C40**Permit requirement**

A permit is not required for any works undertaken in accordance with a management plan prepared for the area covered by this Overlay which is approved by the responsible authority and endorsed by the Secretary or delegate of the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

4.008/07/2008
C40**Referrals**

Any permit application must be referred to the Department of Sustainability and Environment under section 55 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

The following information is to be submitted with any permit application:

- A report demonstrating:
 - The nature of any works proposed and evidence that the works have been designed to meet the objectives of this overlay, including details of any proposed excavations or alterations to the natural surface within the area covered by this overlay.
 - That the key principles of Victoria's Native Vegetation Management, a Framework for Action (VNVF) and relevant guidelines have been adhered to. This includes:
 - An assessment of the floristic and habitat significance of any impacted vegetation.
 - Demonstration that the need for removal, destruction or lopping of any remnant native vegetation and the amount of clearing proposed has been reduced to the minimum extent necessary, and that there are no alternative locations for the proposed works.
 - Evidence demonstrating that suitable offsets are available for any proposed clearing.

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Decision guidelines

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

- The vegetation protection objectives of this schedule.
- The significance of any impacted native vegetation.
- The protection of adequate reserve areas designed to retain the identified native vegetation and allow for its protection and enhancement.
- The reason for any removal of native vegetation and whether an alternative option can be developed which conserves the vegetation.