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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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SIGNIFICANT AND REMNANT VEGETATION AREAS

1.0 Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

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Areas identified by the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority in the map titled *Sites of Biodiversity Significance in the Rural City of Ararat – June 2003* are considered significant because:

- The vegetation comprises important biodiversity links and corridors between larger public land blocks of forest.
- The vegetation forms a link between a major block of vegetation and smaller remnant areas.
- The areas consolidate remnant corridors along streams.
- Areas are considered to be of high conservation significance containing diverse flora and fauna and/or threatened species or communities.
- Areas are representative of a depleted vegetation type in the region or state.

2.0 Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

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To protect areas of significant remnant vegetation throughout the municipality.

3.0 Application requirements

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A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation.
An application to remove native vegetation must:

- Indicate the total extent of native vegetation on the subject land and the extent of proposed clearing, destruction or lopping, the location of any river, stream, watercourse, wetland or channel on the subject land, and if relevant the location of areas with a slope exceeding 20%.
- Specify the purpose of the proposed clearing.
- Demonstrate that the need for removal, destruction or lopping of remnant native vegetation has been reduced to the minimum extent that is reasonable and practicable.
- Specify proposals for revegetation following disturbance or restoration of an alternate site, including proposed species, and ground stabilisation and ongoing maintenance.
- If the area of proposed clearing exceeds 0.4 ha, include a report on the vegetation and habitat significance of the area subject to the permit, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

4.0 Referral/notice of application

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The responsible authority must seek the comments on any application in accordance with Section 52(1)(c) of the Act from the authority specified in Clause 66.06 or a schedule to that clause.

5.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The particular characteristics of the site listed in the table to this schedule and referenced in the map titled *Sites of Biodiversity Significance in the Rural City of Ararat – June 2003.*
- The need to use endemic flora species.
- The need to retain remnant vegetation and conserve flora and fauna habitats including habitat corridors and biolinks. The need to maintain ecological processes and dynamics of the ecosystem in a local and landscape context.
- The value of the flora, fauna or habitat in terms of physical condition, rarity or variety. The need to maintain viable examples of herb rich woodlands, riparian forest, healthy woodland and lowland forest Broad Vegetation Communities.
- The need to maintain habitat corridors and to prevent the fragmentation of habitats and the degradation of native riparian habitats.
- The purpose of removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation and alternative options for carrying out development on the land.
- The likely effect of removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation on resident and migratory fauna and the need to retain trees (live and dead) with hollows, for habitat value.
- The need to retain the connectivity in a local, regional statewide or national context of linear remnants (vegetation along roadsides, railway lines, rivers and streams); habitat corridors; and biolinks.
- Impacts on soil, water, flora, fauna, air and ecosystems.
- Pest plant control.
- The future use of the land and whether it is appropriate to include conditions requiring planting, replanting or other treatment of any part of the land.
- Whether a section 173 Agreement is appropriate providing for vegetation protection and/or management on the land.
- Any relevant Regional Vegetation Plan and Biodiversity Map.

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Map Ref.	Location	Victorian rare or threatened species recorded	Rare or threatened Vegetation Community	High biodiversity values / links.	Comments
VPO1(1)	Armstrong South to Ararat Rail Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Large-fruit fireweed, Golden Cowslips, Leafy Wallaby-grass, Corkscrew Spear-grass, extensive and diverse remnant, Flax lily
VPO1(2)	Mount Boswell remnants			Yes	Depleted EVC
VPO1(3)	Dunneworthy remnants		yes	Yes	Vunerable EVC, important links for Brush Tailed Phascolgale, Red Gums
VPO1(4)	Ararat railway, North Ararat	Yes	Yes	yes	Important links, grassland, Biodiversity corridor, good veg, VROT site, Large-fruit fireweed, Vulnerable EVCs
VPO1(5)	Buckingham Road remnants, Warrak		Yes	Yes	Depleted and endangered EVCs
VPO1(6)	Hopkins River Road grassland, North Ararat		Yes	Yes	Themeda dominated grassland, regeneration, grassy woodland
VPO1(7)	Buangor remnants		Yes	Yes	High quality remnants, Depleted and endangered EVCs, Themeda grassland, Red Gum regeneration, Important Powerful Owl and Square-tailed Kite habitat
VPO1(8)	Langi Ghiran remnants	Yes		Yes	Adjoins Langi Ghiran State Forest- important links, Endangered and depleted EVCs, Langi Ghiran Grevillea, native grassland, very high quality, Mt William Beard-heath, Mountain Bent-grass
VPO1(9)	Dobie Highway Park			Yes	Important links, Grassy Woodland
VPO1(10)	Dobie Rail Reserve east			Yes	Themeda grassland, Good patches of *Banksia marginata*, Plains Grassy Woodland with Red Gum dominant species.
VPO1(11)	Big Hill Road remnant, Warrak		Yes	Yes	Endangered EVC, native grass regeneration, lightly grazed woodland
VPO1(12)	Warrak Road north remnant			Yes	Red Gum woodland
VPO1(13)	Tatyoon North Road remnants, Jacksons Creek		Yes	Yes	Endangered EVC, roughbark scentbark, messmate forest, Red Gum woodland
VPO1(14)	West Buangor remnants		Yes	Yes	Open Woodland,(Endangered and depleted EVCs),
VPO1(15)	Hopkins River North Streamside Reserve, Dobie			Yes	Riparian habitat, important links, Endangered Evcs(Creekline grassy)
VPO1(16)	Ararat Hills remnants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Depleted EVC, Emerald-lip Greenhood, Hairy Tails, Yellow Gum/ Red Stringybark Woodland, YG Woodland, YG Grassy Woodland
VPO1(17)	Ararat west Rail Reserve	Yes		Yes	High biodiversity- diverse layer of shrubs, grasses, lillies and herbs, Grassy/Heathy woodland, Golden Cow Slips
VPO1(18)	Ararat Bushland reserve			Yes	Grassy Woodland(endangered EVC), Natural bushland area, (LCC recommended for Bushland reserve)
VPO1(19)	Burrumbeep Bushland Reserve & Cathcart Cemetery	Yes		Yes	Grassland, Grassy woodland, Native Peppercress
VPO1(20)	Denicull Creek remnants			Yes	Red Gum woodlands, Depleted EVC

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VPO1(21)	Greenhill Lake Grassland			Yes	Themeda Grassland
VPO1(22)	North Ararat remnants			Yes	Endangered EVCs
VPO1(23)	Ararat South rail line, Jacksons Creek		Yes	Yes	Red Gum woodlands, Depleted and Endangered evcs
VPO1(24)	Wills Hill Road grassland		Yes	Yes	Native grassland, Themeda, Tree Violets
VPO1(25)	Kirk Hill remnants			Yes	Grassy Dry forest, native grass remnants, Long-leaf Box, Heathy woodland
VPO1(26)	Grampians remnants	Yes		Yes	Naturally restricted EVCs, important links for Grampians National Park, Hairy Correa, Reader's Daisy, Large Red Gums with hollows, Grass trees, Long-nosed Potoroo(?)
VPO1(27)	Calvert Rail Reserve		Yes	Yes	Western Basalt Plains Grassland, Danthonia and Stipa dominated
VPO1(28)	Burrumbeep Road grassland		Yes	Yes	Plains Grassy Woodland
VPO1(29)	Hopkins River tussock grassland, Rossbridge			Yes	Silver Tussock grasslands
VPO1(30)	Centenary Road grassland, Rossbridge		Yes	Yes	Grassland- Stipa, Danthonia, Themeda, not much weed invasion, possibly WBPG
VPO1(31)	Rossbridge Tussock grassland		Yes	Yes	Tussock dominated grassland, wetland values
VPO1(32)	Hopkins River Grassy Woodland, Maroona		Yes	Yes	Grassy Woodland
VPO1(33)	Grange Road grassland, Rossbridge		Yes	Yes	Native grassland, possibly WBPG
VPO1(34)	Richardson Rd crossing Rail reserve, Maroona			Yes	Themeda dominated native grassland, wetland values- Carex sp.
VPO1(35)	Yorks Flat Road Bushland Reserve, Jacksons Creek			Yes	Messmate, Yellow Box, Prickly Acacia, AA has species list
VPO1(36)	Yorks Flat Road renmants, Jacksons Creek			Yes	Native pasture, grassy woodland
VPO1(37)	Mount Challicum remnants			Yes	Woodland- Long leafed box, Red Stringybark, Some blocks with good understorey, Diamond Firetails
VPO1(38)	Fiery Creek Streamside Reserve, Tatyoon North		Yes	Yes	Plains Grassy Woodland, Red Gum Riparian Woodland
VPO1(39)	Mount Weejort grassland, Yalla-Y-Poora	Yes		Yes	Spiny Rice-flower, Hairy Tails, Spurred Spear-grass, Southern Swainson-pea
VPO1(40)	Tatyoon Rail Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Western Basalt Plains Grassland, possibly New Holland Daisy
VPO1(41)	Heifer Swamp remnants	Yes		Yes	Rare EVC, links to Grampians

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VPO1(42)	Lynchs Crossing Road remnants, Glenthompson				Manna Gums, Banksias
VPO1(43)	Sheepwash Road grassy woodland, Wickliffe			Yes	Tertiary Soils Low Hills Grassy Woodland, Wetland community, Plains Grassy woodland
VPO1(44)	Wickliffe Cemetery			Yes	Species rich, Themeda, Sheoaks
VPO1(45)	Wickliffe Reserve			Yes	Red soils grassland
VPO1(46)	Wickliffe Township grasslands			Yes	Highly intact range of species, Themeda grassland, Plains Grassy Woodland EVC
VPO1(47)	Parupa Lakes grassland, Lake Bolac				Red Soils Grassland, Grassland dominated by Themeda
VPO1(48)	Streatham Streamside reserve				Provides habitat for Fiery Creek, River red gums, poa
VPO1(49)	Rossbridge – Streatham Road grassland				Grassland (in Sugar Gum Plantation)
VPO1(50)	Vite Vite Road grassland				Grassland(may need to add part of Pura Pura rail reserve in here rather than have it all as ESO)
VPO1(51)	Chatsworth grassland, Hopkins River			Yes	Native Grassland
VPO1(52)	Back Bushy Creek grassland		Yes	Yes	Native Grassland, Steep Creekline
VPO1(53)	Scattered red gum Layer			Yes	Scattered red gums important habitat, hollow bearing trees , important links.
VPO1(54)	Jallukar remnants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Links to Jallukar Bushland Reserve, Very high quality remnants, Yellow Box, Long-leaf Box, Red Box, Heathy Woodland, Bush Stone-curlew, Painted Honeyeater, Grey Crowned Babbler
VPO1(55)	Grampians east remnants		Yes	Yes	Plains Grassy Woodland
VPO1(56)	Jallukar Disused road remnant			Yes	Yellow Box Woodland
VPO1(57)	Jallukar Forest remnants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Plains Grassy Woodland, Powerful Owl, Bush Stone-curlew
VPO1(58)	Greenacres Road Plains Grassy Woodland			Yes	Plains Grassy Woodland
VPO1(59)	George Creek remnants		Yes	Yes	Grassy Woodland
VPO1(60)	Moyston West remnants			Yes	Heathy Woodland
VPO1(61)	Moyston – Dunkeld road remnants			Yes	Sand Forest and Plains Grassy Woodland, Endangered EVCs
VPO1(62)	Wilds Lane Grassy Woodland		Yes	Yes	High quality Red Gum Grassy Woodland
VPO1(63)	Norval remnants		Yes	Yes	Grassy Woodland, important links for Curtis Creek, native grasses
VPO1(64)	Crochan Bushland Reserve	Yes		Yes	Red Gum Woodland, Barking Owl.
VPO1(65)	Rocky Point Bushland Reserve		Yes	Yes	High diversity grassland

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VPO1(66)	Rocky Point remnants			Yes	Red Gum/Yellow Box Woodland
VPO1(67)	Moyston Cemetery		Yes	Yes	Themeda dominated grassland, low weediness, species rich.
VPO1(68)	Moyston Bushland Reserve remnants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Swift Parrot, Yellow Box, Long-leaf Box Woodland, Grassy Woodland
VPO1(69)	Lenox Springs Bushland Reserve		Yes	Yes	Grassy Woodland, themeda dominated
VPO1(70)	Pentlands Creek Road remnants/grassland		Yes	Yes	Yellow Gum/ Yellow Box/ Long-leaf Box/ Red Gum Woodland, native grassland, excellent quality vegetation. Eastern block of veg has native grass understorey for half of the block and weedy on other half of the block but still significant Red Gum overstorey.
VPO1(71)	Black Range Scenic Reserve remnants	Yes	Yes	Yes	High quality remnants, Hills Herb-rich Woodland, Plains Grassy Woodland
VPO1(72)	Mount Sugarloaf remnant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yellow Box/ Scentbark Woodland
VPO1(73)	Sugarloaf Creek remnant			Yes	Red Gum Woodland
VPO1(74)	Sugarloaf Road/ Stonehouse Road Grassy Woodland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Red Gum/ Yellow Box Grassy Woodland, Plains Grassy Woodland, extensive themeda stands
VPO1(75)	Rhymney Reef Yellow Gum Woodland			Yes	Yellow Gum Woodland
VPO1(76)	Armstrong West remnants		Yes	Yes	High quality vegetation, Heathy Woodland, Plains Grassy Woodland
VPO1(77)	Armstrong South remnants			Yes	Red Gum/ Yellow Gum Grassy Woodland
VPO1(78)	Warra Yankin Rail Reserve		Yes	Yes	Red Gum/ Yellow Box Grassy Woodland. Good cover of Themeda.
VPO1(79)	Freeman Road remnant		Yes	Yes	Native Grassland
VPO1(80)	Thomas Rd remnants, Dunneworthy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Native Grassland, Yellow Gum Woodland, Leafy Wallaby-grass
VPO1(81)	Mount Cole remnants		Yes	Yes	Native grasslands, High quality vegetation, Endangered, Vulnerable and Depleted EVCs, Red Gum/ Yellow Box Woodland
VPO1(82)	Mount Cole Creek Grassland		Yes	Yes	Native Grassland (stipa, spear grass, danthonia, themeda)
VPO1(83)	Pyrenees Highway remnants, Eversley		Yes	Yes	Endangered EVCs, Long-leaf Box/Red Box Heathy Woodland, Yellow Box/ Red Box Heathy Woodland
VPO1(84)	Elmhurst remnant		Yes	Yes	Native Grassland
VPO1(85)	Warrak remnants		Yes	Yes	Endangered EVCs, Native grassland, Box Stringybark Forest, Manna Gum/ Candlebark Forest