

21/01/2016  
C161**SCHEDULE 2 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO2**.

**WESTERN PORT****1.0**28/05/2015  
C184**Statement of nature and key elements of landscape**

The northern coastline of Western Port between Tooradin and Koo-wee-rup has been recognised by the National Trust as a significant landscape. The area includes the outlet channels for Cardinia Creek and the Bunyip River, which were dug as part of the draining of the Koo-wee-rup Swamp, as well as the historic Harewood Homestead, which has also been recognised by the National Trust. Development requires sensitive siting and design to avoid significant intrusion into the landscape of Western Port.

**2.0**28/05/2015  
C184**Landscape character objective to be achieved**

- To conserve and enhance the landscape quality of Western Port.
- To conserve the flora and fauna and associated ecological processes which contribute to the Westernport landscape.
- To ensure development is in keeping with the coastal landscape of Western Port.

**3.0**21/01/2016  
C161**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation. This does not apply if:

- The vegetation is an environmental weed known as Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*) or Common Cord grass (*Spartina anglica*).
- The vegetation is dead as a result of natural circumstances or the spread of noxious weeds and which has been assessed as being suitable for removal by an authorised officer of the responsible authority. This exemption does not apply to standing dead trees with a trunk diameter of 40 centimetres or more at a height of 1.3 metres above ground level.
- The vegetation is seedlings or regrowth less than 5 years old, the land has been previously been lawfully cleared and the land is being maintained for cultivation or pasture.
- It is the removal of any vegetation from an existing dam wall where the vegetation may impact on the structural stability of the dam wall.
- The vegetation is required to be pruned or lopped (but not removed or destroyed) as part of normal domestic or horticultural practice for the species.

**Information requirements**

An application must be accompanied by the following information. These requirements may be waived or reduced if in the opinion of the Responsible Authority, an information requirement is not relevant to the assessment of an application:

Buildings and works:

- The location of any existing buildings and works.
- Details of elevations, including external colours, materials and finishes.

- The location of any existing vegetation and any vegetation proposed to be removed.
- Details of the location and extent of any earthworks.

To remove, destroy or lop vegetation:

- A photograph and site plan (drawn to scale) showing the boundaries of the site, existing vegetation and the vegetation to be removed.
- A description of the vegetation including understorey to be removed, including the species, extent, number and size (diameter at 1.3 metres above natural ground level) of any trees to be removed and the Ecological Vegetation Class of native vegetation.
- Topographic information, highlighting ridges, crests and hilltops, streams and waterways, slopes of more than 20 percent, drainage lines, low lying areas, saline discharge areas, and areas of existing erosion.
- A written explanation of the steps that have been taken to:
  - Avoid the removal of vegetation, where possible.
  - Minimise the removal of vegetation.
  - Any actions to contribute to the ongoing management of existing vegetation on the site.
  - Appropriately replace and/ or compensate the loss of vegetation, if required.
- A copy of any property vegetation plan that applies to the site.
- Where the removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation is to create defensible space, a statement explaining why removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation is required having regard to other available bushfire risk mitigation measures. This does not apply to the creation of defensible space in conjunction with an application under the Bushfire Management Overlay.