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## **SCHEDULE 3 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO3**

### **BIRREGURRA TREE PROTECTION AREA**

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#### **Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected**

Both native and exotic trees are significant to Birregurra as they contribute to a strong landscape presence that is integral to the rural character of the area.

Scattered native trees contribute to significant canopy cover and provide a visual impact upon entry to Birregurra and within the township.

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#### **Vegetation protection objectives to be achieved**

- To protect tree vegetation for its aesthetic value and its contribution to the character of Birregurra.
- To encourage the retention of trees where possible and the planting of new canopy trees and understorey vegetation.

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#### **Permit requirement**

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

- Removal, destruction or lopping of trees which are less than 5 m high and have a single trunk circumference of less than 0.5 m at a height of 1 m above ground level.
- Pruning of trees to maintain or improve health, safety or structure.
- Pruning, or removal of trees to prevent damage to works when damage to a pipeline, electricity or telephone transmission line, cables or other services has occurred, or is likely to occur.

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#### **Application requirements**

An application to remove a tree must include the following information:

- The total extent of vegetation on the property and the extent of vegetation proposed to be removed.
- The purpose of the proposed vegetation removal.
- Demonstration that the removal, destruction or lopping has been reduced to the minimum extent that is reasonable and practicable.
- Details of any proposed revegetation, including the proposed species to be planted and any proposals for ground stabilisation.
- The anticipated impact the vegetation removal will have on the character of Birregurra and the vistas from the entryways to Birregurra.

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#### **Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The effect of the proposed removal of native or exotic trees on the landscape and the overall character of the area.
- The reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require removal of the vegetation.
- Whether a Section 173 Agreement, building envelopes or tree protection zones are appropriate in providing for vegetation protection and/or management of the land.
- Any relevant fire management plan.
- Risk to public safety.
- An assessment report by a suitably qualified arborist, with regard to AS 4373-2007 'Pruning of amenity trees'.