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VC37**SCHEDULE 2 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO2**

Roadside vegetation protection area**1.0**19/01/2006
VC37**Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected**

Roadside vegetation plays an important role as a wildlife habitat. Roadside areas are important locations of rare, threatened and endangered flora and fauna species. It is important to maintain and enhance habitat and corridor requirements for indigenous fauna. Roadside vegetation also determines the quality of travel experience and contributes to the visual quality of the area. Tracts of remnant vegetation are fragmented in the area and roadside areas represent one of the largest reserves of native vegetation species.

Areas mapped are considered significant because one or more of the following apply:

- the vegetation comprises important biodiversity links and corridors.
- the areas consolidate remnant corridors.
- occurrence of rare or threatened species or communities.

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VC37**Vegetation protection objective to be achieved**

To protect areas of significant remnant vegetation located along roadsides throughout the municipality.

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VC37**Permit requirement**

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation which is not 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 maximum extent that is reasonable and practicable.
- Specify proposals for revegetation following disturbance or restoration of an alternate site, including proposed species and ground stabilisation.
- 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.

Comments on any application to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation land may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment;

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VC37**Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The flora and fauna conservation value of the roadside area.
- The need to use local endemic flora species for revegetation.
- The need to fence off roadside vegetation areas to protect its environmental values.
- The landscape, recreational and amenity values of the vegetation.
- The role of roadsides as corridors for the movement of fauna and avifauna between areas of native vegetation.
- Protecting vegetation from damage and disturbance by mowing, burning, grazing, droving, cultivation, spraying, grading, road formation and drainage works.
- Pest plant and animal control.
- The habitat value of dead trees and logs.
- Maintaining sight distance and clearance to fixed objects for road safety.
- The benefits of acquiring adequate additional land.
- Whether buildings, works or use could be more appropriately located on cleared land.
- Any relevant fire management plan