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C50**SCHEDULE 6 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO6**.

**Harman's Valley****1.0**27/10/2016  
C50**Statement of nature and key elements of landscape**

Harman's Valley is a landscape of State significance as a unique collection of volcanic features.

Harman's Valley is a long lava flow valley extending from the western side of Mount Napier to Condah Swamp, and is recognised as one of the most intact and significant collections of young volcanic features in Australia. The lava flow itself and multiple individual features along the valley are of geological significance. Lava blister mounds, known as tumuli, are the largest of their kind in Australia and internationally rare.

The section of the lava flow within Southern Grampians Shire is the most publically visible section, most closely connected to the Mount Napier eruption point and contains a high concentration of tumuli.

The views across Harman's Valley of Mount Napier (Tapoc), the tallest eruption point on the Western Volcanic Plains, are particularly prominent from the Port Fairy - Hamilton Road, north of Byaduk. Harman's Valley presents as a textured valley of stony rises weaving across the landscape.

The lava flow volcanic landscape is culturally significant to Aboriginal traditional owners.

Drystone walls have been constructed in parts of the landscape and contribute to the aesthetic and cultural significance of the place.

Harman's Valley is an important educational resource and place of interpretation of volcanic processes.

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C50**Landscape character objective to be achieved**

To protect the landscape significance of Harman's Valley.

To minimise visual impact on the Harman's Valley volcanic landscape.

To protect the setting of Harman's Valley.

To protect features of scientific, aesthetic and cultural significance.

To protect dry stone walls as contributory elements of the landscape.

To ensure that development responds to the identified landscape character and significance of Harman's Valley.

To minimise visual and other impacts on the broader volcanic landscape located generally to the south and west.

To ensure ongoing visual and landscape connections with the broader volcanic landscape (to the south and west) and the Mount Napier (Tapoc) eruption point (to the east).

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C50**Permit requirement**

A permit is required for the demolition or removal of drystone walls.

A permit is required for the construction of any fence other than post and wire fencing.

A permit is not required for the construction of a farm access track that does not change the topography of the land.

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**Decision guidelines**

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

- The landscape character objectives.
- The impact of the buildings or works on the landscape significance of Harman's Valley.
- Whether proposed buildings or works have attempted to avoid and minimise impacts on the landscape and any significant features.
- Whether prominent viewlines have been avoided.
- Whether building forms, colours and materials integrate with the landscape setting.

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**Application requirements**

An application should be accompanied by the following information:

- A site evaluation plan showing the topography of the landscape, the location of any public viewlines, water ways, stone outcrops and any other prominent features.
- A visual impact assessment may be required for proposals with potential for significant impact on major viewing locations.

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**Reference document**

*South West Victoria Landscape Assessment Study* (Planisphere 2013)

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**Expiry**

The requirements of this schedule cease to have effect after 31 October 2018.