

SCHEDULE 5 TO CLAUSE 42.01 ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ESO5**.

PROTECTION OF REMNANT VEGETATION**1.0**23/09/2010
C89(Part 1)**Statement of environmental significance**

Within the City of Greater Bendigo there are a number of significant native flora and fauna habitat areas of geological and natural importance on private properties.

Many of these sites contain depleted native species (under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*), rare and vulnerable species within Australia and Victoria, excellent species diversity, shallow gully lines, and excellent connectivity to reserves, National and Regional Parks, vegetation corridors and other public land.

2.011/01/2024
C247gben**Environmental objective to be achieved**

To protect, conserve and enhance natural resources and the biodiversity of the area, in particular remnant vegetation.

3.011/01/2024
C247gben**Permit requirement**

A permit is not required to remove, destroy or lop vegetation, including dead vegetation, which is not native to Victoria.

4.011/01/2024
C247gben**Application requirements**

The following application requirements apply to an application for a permit under Clause 42.01, in addition to those specified elsewhere in the scheme and must accompany an application, as appropriate, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority:

- A description of the native vegetation on and adjacent to the site.
- The location, extent and purpose of any native vegetation to be removed, destroyed or lopped.
- An assessment of how any native vegetation to be removed, destroyed or lopped meets the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017) and how the three step approach of “avoid, minimise and offset” has been applied.

5.011/01/2024
C247gben**Decision guidelines**

The following decision guidelines apply to an application for a permit under Clause 42.01, in addition to those specified in Clause 42.01 and elsewhere in the scheme which must be considered, as appropriate, by the responsible authority:

- Whether consideration has been given to the conservation status, significance, quality, rarity and diversity of the native vegetation and the impact of its removal, destruction or lopping.
- Whether the native vegetation contributes to the character and appearance of the landscape.
- Whether the development will impact on the native vegetation, biodiversity, soil, water, air, ecosystems, and aesthetic values of the area.
- Whether the land has the capability to accommodate the proposed development.
- Whether the proposal has minimised potential adverse impacts of siting, design on landscape features and biodiversity values.
- Whether the siting of buildings or infrastructure may cause demands in the future for vegetation removal or tree lopping.
- Whether location and design of proposed infrastructure services take into consideration the location of existing infrastructure services.

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- Whether the proposal includes any revegetation, which contributes to the development of linkages between existing native vegetation.