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SCHEDULE 3 TO CLAUSE 42.02 VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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

ROADSIDE REMNANT VEGETATION

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Roadside native vegetation is an important feature within the City of Greater Bendigo. In areas of cleared farmland, roadside vegetation often makes up a large part of the remaining natural environment. Many roadsides throughout the municipality contain pockets of remnant native vegetation which includes rare, vulnerable and significant flora species. Some of the roadsides provide a valuable source of native seed stock and important habitat and corridors for wildlife.

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Vegetation protection objectives to be achieved

To protect and preserve native vegetation and rare and endangered flora and fauna species on linear reserves.

To achieve high landscape quality on roadsides.

To maintain and enhance habitat and corridor values for indigenous fauna.

To protect trees with hollows used by native fauna

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Permit requirement

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation.

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Application requirements

None specified.

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Decision guidelines

The following decision guidelines apply to an application for a permit under Clause 42.02, in addition to those specified in Clause 42.02 and elsewhere in the scheme which must be considered, as appropriate, by the responsible authority:

- Whether the proposal protects and preserves native vegetation and rare and endangered flora and fauna species on linear reserves, including understorey plants and native grasses.
- Whether the proposal maintains and enhances habitat and corridor values for indigenous fauna.
- Whether the proposal protects trees with hollows used by native fauna.
- Whether all options have been considered which may reduce the need for vegetation clearance, including through the sensitive location of driveways or crossings over roadside reserves.
- Whether the proposal achieves high landscape quality on roadsides.