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SCHEDULE 2 TO CLAUSE 42.02 VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

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THACKER STREET, OCEAN GROVE – VEGETATION PROTECTION AREA

1.0 Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

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The Thacker Street Vegetation Protection Area is significant because:

- It comprises remnant Bellarine Yellow Gum – Coast Manna Gum Grassy Woodland which is of national significance.
- It contains a large population of Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp bellarinensis protected under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* .
- It has high conservation significance containing a diverse range of State and regionally significant plant species.
- The vegetation forms a link with the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve and remnant vegetation in surrounding residential areas.

2.0 Vegetation protection objectives to be achieved

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To protect and ensure the long-term future of the significant remnant vegetation.

To ensure development and use do not impact on the significant remnant vegetation.

To ensure siting of design of development and works maintains the physical and biological integrity of remnant vegetation community.

To encourage regeneration of the significant remnant vegetation.

To promote the use of locally indigenous plants for regeneration and revegetation.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, except where:

- The native vegetation falls within a building envelope on an approved Plan of Subdivision or Concept Plan.
- It is listed within the incorporated document Environmental Weeds, City of Greater Geelong, September 2008.
- The native vegetation is dead and is less than 5 metres in height.

An application to remove vegetation must:

- Be accompanied by a plan that indicates the total extent of native vegetation on the land and the extent of proposed clearing, destruction or lopping.
- Specify the purpose of the proposed clearing.
- Demonstrate that the extent of removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation has been reduced as much as is reasonable and practicable.
- Be accompanied by a landscape plan that shows the extent of revegetation works proposed to be undertaken on the site.

An application must be referred for advice to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

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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:

- "Comments on Vegetation Significance and Management, Reilly's Property, Ocean Grove" (Ecology Australia, September 1997), "Reilly's Ocean Grove Property Vegetation Assessment" (Ecology Australia, February 1999), "Management Prescriptions for Vegetation on Future Privately Owned Lots – Reilly's Property, Thacker Street Ocean Grove" (Mark Trengrove, February 2000) and "Vegetation Management and Restoration Prescriptions for Yellow Gum Reserve – Reilly's Property, Thacker Street Ocean Grove" (Mark Trengrove, November 1999).
- The views of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
- The need to retain remnant vegetation in terms of physical and biological condition, rarity, variety and habitat quality.
- The likely effect of removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation on resident or migratory fauna and the need to retain trees (live and dead) with hollows, understorey vegetation, native grasses and ground litter for habitat value.
- The reasons for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require the removal of the native vegetation.
- The need to replace cleared vegetation.
- The importance of using indigenous species of local provenance for revegetation.
- The need to provide for fire protection while minimising the impact on vegetation, particularly a the rear of allotments adjoining the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve.

6.0 Background documents

"Comments on Vegetation Significance and Management, Reilly's Property, Ocean Grove" (Ecology Australia, September 1997)

"Reilly's Ocean Grove Property Vegetation Assessment" (Ecology Australia, February 1999)