SCHEDULE 1 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as SLO1.

CASEY FOOTHILLS

1.0 Statement of nature and key elements of landscape

The hilly terrain of the Casey foothills provides breathtaking views to and from the ridges and other vantage points. The terrain offers topographical and scenic relief from the low-lying built up areas of Casey.

The rural nature, characterised by open pasture and hedge row plantings, as well as bush remnants, provide a green backdrop to the city that contributes to a positive image of the municipality as a desirable place to live.

2.0 Landscape character objective to be achieved

- To conserve and enhance the existing pattern of vegetation to maintain landscape quality and remaining natural ecosystems.
- To encourage development that is in harmony with the hilly terrain and rural landscape of the Casey Foothills.
- To encourage land management practices compatible with landscape conservation.
- To protect the rural character of land surrounding the settlements of Harkaway and Narre Warren North.

3.0 Decision guidelines

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

- Whether the development will be detrimental to the natural physical features or resources of the area.
- Whether the development will require significant earthworks.
- Whether the development will be visible from public roads and other vantage points.
- The impact on plant life, animal habitats and the landscape.
- The impact on the character and appearance of any area or feature of architectural, historic or scientific significance or of natural beauty, interest or importance.
- Whether vegetation will be removed.
- The need to revegetate or landscape the site.

References

- Port Phillip and Westernport Strategic Vegetation Plan – City of Casey Pilot Project, (1997) Port Phillip Catchment and Land Protection Board