SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as VPO1

ROADSIDE AND CORRIDOR PROTECTION

1.0 Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Roadsides vegetation and wildlife corridors are a significant feature of the Mitchell Shire. Many roadsides and corridors throughout the area contain pockets of remnant indigenous vegetation, rare, vulnerable and significant flora species. Some of the roadsides and corridors provide a valuable source of native seed stock and important habitat for wildlife. The conservation and protection of these areas is an important strategy.

2.0 Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

- To protect and preserve indigenous 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 requirements for indigenous fauna.

3.0 Permit Requirements

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop vegetation on land designated by this overlay.

4.0 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application for a permit, the responsible authority must consider as appropriate to the particular case:

- The conservation and enhancement of the area.
- The preservation of, and impact on, the natural environment or landscape values.
- The role of native vegetation in conserving the flora and fauna and in providing food, shade and shelter for native fauna.
- The need to retain native vegetation if it is rare or supports rare species of flora or fauna and where it forms part of a wildlife corridor.
- Whether provision is made or is to be made to establish and maintain native vegetation elsewhere on the land.
- The sensitive location of driveways or crossings over roadside reserves.