SCHEDULE 4 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as VPO4.

CARLSRUHE CEMETERY

1.0

Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

Remnant grasslands of regional significance are located within the Carlsruhe cemetery. These grasslands require acknowledgment and protection.

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Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

To protect the remnant grasslands located within the Carlsruhe cemetery reserve.

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Permit requirement

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

This does not apply to the removal, destruction and lopping of vegetation which is associated with:

- Erecting a sign;
- Constructing unenclosed buildings;
- Undertaking repairs and routine maintenance to existing building and works; or
- Works undertaken by a public authority relating to vegetation management, fire management or environmental improvements.

4.0

Application requirements

An application to remove native vegetation must:

- Indicate the total extent of native vegetation on the subject land and the extent of proposed clearing, destruction or lopping, the location of any river, stream, watercourse, wetland or channel on the subject land and, if relevant, the location of areas with a slope exceeding 20 per cent.
- Specify the purpose of the proposed clearing.
- Demonstrate that the need for removal, destruction or lopping of remnant native vegetation has been reduced to the maximum extent that is reasonable and practicable.
- Specify proposals for revegetation following disturbance or restoration of an alternate site, including proposed species and ground stabilisation.
- If the area of proposed clearing exceeds 0.4 hectares, include a report on the vegetation and habitat significance of the area subject to the application, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

5.0

Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The need to remove any remnant grasses including the consideration of alternative ways of carrying out any development on the land.
- The location of driveways or crossings over roadside reserves.
- The need for replacement grasses of an appropriate species.
- The flora and fauna conservation value of the Carlsruhe cemetery.
- The need to use local common flora species for revegetation.
- The need to fence off remnant vegetation areas to protect its environmental values.
- The landscape, recreational and amenity values of the vegetation.
- The need to protect remnant vegetation from damage and disturbance by mowing, burning, grazing, droving, cultivation, spraying, grading, road formation and drainage works.
- Pest plant and animal control.
- Whether buildings, works or use could be more appropriately located on cleared land.
- Any relevant fire management plan
- The threat of soil erosion and land slip resulting from loss of vegetation.
- The need to locate access roads across slope to minimise visual intrusion of the road on land where slope is greater than 20 per cent.