

## **SCHEDULE 4 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO4**.

### **VAUGHAN AND GLENLUCE MINERAL SPRINGS RESERVE**

#### **1.0 Statement of nature and key elements of landscape**

The Vaughan and Glenluce Mineral Springs reserve, comprising approximately 100 hectares is located on the Loddon River, approximately 10 kilometres south of Castlemaine and 130 kilometres north west of Melbourne. It contains several larger springs and numerous mining relics in both a developed and bushland setting surrounded by farming land, native forest and the township of Vaughan. The remainder of the reserve has a bushland or rural character and is dotted with numerous mining and geological features.

#### **2.0 Landscape character objective to be achieved**

- To prevent the destruction of significant tracts of bushland or trees which would detract from the value of the landscape, or area of significant vegetation.
- To preserve and enhance the character of the roadside along major approach roads to towns, the areas of landscape significance as identified by the National Trust and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, prominent vegetation within the reserve, and other areas of visual landscape interest.
- To encourage development of a type which does not detract from the value of the landscape due to its siting, height or general appearance.

#### **3.0 Permit requirement**

A permit is not required for routine maintenance works on land managed by Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

#### **4.0 Decision guidelines**

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

- The effect on the whole landscape of buildings, works or activities in the specified area, particularly on prominent hilltops or other visually significant landforms.
- The siting and design of building and works.
- The retention of areas of vegetation or remnant vegetation as a habitat for native animals and birds and as an important visual element of the overall landscape.
- The retention of a buffer strip of vegetation within specified distances of roads, watercourses, property boundaries or in visually prominent areas.
- The contents and recommendations of any National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Classified or Recorded Landscape.
- The preservation of existing natural vegetation.
- The preservation of natural beauty and prevention of soil erosion.
- The comments of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment