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Native Vegetation Offset Management Plan

Western Highway Project, Section 2B: Buangor to Ararat



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Machinery of Government Changes

As of February 2026

The Western Highway Project Section 2B commenced under the governance of VicRoads. When the Major Road Projects Authority (MRPA) was formed in 2018, the Project was moved from VicRoads to MRPA. MRPA became Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) on 1 January 2019. Due to further Machinery of Government changes within the Victoria State Government, the Project is being delivered by VIDA Roads.

1 Introduction

VIDA Roads has prepared this Native Vegetation Offset Management Plan (NVOMP) in compliance with Conditions 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 of the Western Highway Project Section 2B (Buangor to Ararat) Incorporated Document dated June 2017. This NVOMP describes the unavoidable native vegetation losses that will occur during the construction of Western Highway Section 2B, the offsets that have already been secured for those losses and the remaining offsets that will be sourced and submitted to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA; formerly the Department of Land, Water, Environment and Planning [DELWP]) by June 30 2027.

The Western Highway Project (WHP) was assessed and approved under Victoria's former native vegetation policy (prior to December 23, 2013) *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management – A Framework for Action* (the Framework) (DNRE 2002), which has now been superseded by the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* (DEECA 2025). The planning scheme amendment to adopt and approve an Incorporated Document for the project will be assessed in accordance with the Framework for native vegetation impacts within the previously approved project footprint. Native vegetation impacts within the additional project area not previously assessed will be assessed in accordance with the Guidelines (DEECA 2025).

2 Clearing Site Details

Table 1 Clearing Site Details

CLEARING SITE DETAILS	
Landowner of clearing site	Department of Transport and Planning (DTP)
Location and address of clearing site	Western Highway between Buangor and Ararat
Local Government Area	Ararat Rural City Council
Catchment Management Authority	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
Responsible Authority	Minister for Planning
Permit applicant	VIDA Roads (formerly VicRoads)
Planning Permit Number (ID)/Work Authority Number	Ararat Planning Scheme Amendment C037 and C043
Date approved	28/12/2017 (C037) and 02/04/2026 (C043)

3 Vegetation Approved for Removal

The Western Highway Project (WHP) was assessed and approved under Victoria's former native vegetation policy (prior to December 23, 2013) *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management – A Framework for Action* (the Framework) (DNRE 2002), which has now been superseded by the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* (the Guidelines) (DEECA 2025). The planning scheme amendment to adopt and approve an Incorporated Document for the project will be assessed in accordance with the Framework for native vegetation impacts within the previously approved project footprint. Native vegetation impacts within the additional project area not previously assessed will be assessed in accordance with the Guidelines (DEECA 2025). A summary of the losses and offset requirements to be assessed against the Framework (i.e. within the previous project footprint) and the Guidelines (i.e. the revised alignment area not previously assessed) are provided below.

Native Vegetation Management Framework (Net Gain)

A total of 43.100 hectares (19.412 habitat hectares) of native vegetation, 191 Large Old Trees (LOTs) (herein referred to as 'Large Trees') in patches and 74 scattered trees of previously assessed native vegetation will be impacted (i.e. within the previous project footprint). A summary of the losses and Net Gain targets to be assessed under the Framework is provided below in Table 2.

Table 2 Summary of approved losses of patches of native vegetation under the Framework (EHP 2026)

Vegetation Zone		ATHrW2	ATHrW4	GDF1	GDF2	GDF3	GDF4	GDF8	GDF9	GDF10	GDF11	GDF12
Bioregion		CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU
EVC / Tree		ATHrW	ATHrW	GDF	GDF	GDF	GDF	GDF	GDF	GDF	GDF	GDF
EVC Number		67	67	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
EVC Conservation Status		En	En	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Patch Condition	Large Old Trees /10	6	8	4	0	10	9	3	5	3	6	0
	Canopy Cover /5	5	5	4	0	5	4	2	3	3	5	0
	Under storey /25	5	15	15	5	5	15	10	15	5	5	5
	Lack of Weeds /15	2	6	2	0	4	9	2	7	7	4	0
	Recruitment /10	5	10	10	5	0	10	5	5	5	5	5
	Organic Matter /5	4	5	5	4	2	3	2	3	3	2	4
	Logs /5	2	2	4	0	2	4	0	0	0	2	0
	Treeless EVC Multiplier	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Subtotal =		29.00	51.00	44.00	14.00	28.00	54.00	24.00	38.00	26.00	29.00	14.00
Landscape Value /25		16	16	16	8	8	16	16	16	16	16	8
Habitat Points /100		45	67	60	22	36	70	40	54	42	45	22
Habitat Score		0.45	0.67	0.60	0.22	0.36	0.70	0.40	0.54	0.42	0.45	0.22
Total Area (ha)		0.266	0.919	0.501	2.992	0.804	1.672	1.268	0.000	1.062	0.204	0.000
Area (ha) to be removed		0.266	0.919	0.501	2.992	0.804	1.672	1.268	0.000	1.062	0.204	0.000
Area (ha) to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total habitat hectares		0.120	0.616	0.301	0.658	0.289	1.170	0.507	0.000	0.446	0.092	0.000
Habitat hectares to be removed		0.120	0.616	0.301	0.658	0.289	1.170	0.507	0.000	0.446	0.092	0.000
Habitat hectares to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Conservation	Cons. Status x Hab. Score	V. High	V. High	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
	Threatened Species	V. High	V. High	High	N/A	High	High	N/A	N/A	V. High	Medium	N/A

Vegetation Zone		ATHrW2	ATHrW4	GDF1	GDF2	GDF3	GDF4	GDF8	GDF9	GDF10	GDF11	GDF12
Significance	Other Attributes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Overall (highest rating)	V. High	V. High	High	Low	High	High	Medium	Medium	V. High	Medium	Low
Large	No. in Study Area	6	38	1	1	19	20	3	0	9	4	0
Old	No. to be Removed	6	14	0	1	12	18	3	0	9	4	0
Trees	No. to be Retained	0	24	1	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0

Note: CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; GDF = Grassy Dry Forest, PG (HS) = Heavier-soils Plains Grassland, HHrW = Hills Herb-rich Woodland, CGW = Creekline Grassy Woodland, ATHrW = Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland, PGW = Plains Grassy Woodland, HDF = Heathy Dry Forest, HW = Heathy Woodland.

Table 3 Summary of approved losses of patches of native vegetation under the Framework (EHP 2026)

Vegetation Zone		HDF1	HDF3	HDF4	HDF5	HHrW1	HHrW2	HHrW3	HHrW4	HHrW5	HHrW6	HHrW7
Bioregion		CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU
EVC / Tree		HDF	HDF	HDF	HDF	HHrW	HHrW	HHrW	HHrW	HHrW	HHrW	HHrW
EVC Number		20	20	20	20	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
EVC Conservation Status		LC	LC	LC	LC	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Patch Condition	Large Old Trees /10	3	10	10	0	6	3	0	4	6	6	3
	Canopy Cover /5	0	5	4	3	3	3	0	0	5	5	3
	Under storey /25	5	15	5	15	15	5	5	10	20	10	10
	Lack of Weeds /15	2	2	4	7	2	4	0	6	9	2	9
	Recruitment /10	0	10	1	3	5	5	5	3	10	10	5
	Organic Matter /5	2	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	5
	Logs /5	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	4	3	3	0
	Treeless EVC Multiplier	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Subtotal =		12.00	49.00	28.00	34.00	37.00	26.00	14.00	32.00	58.00	40.00	35.00
Landscape Value /25		16	16	8	8	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Habitat Points /100		28	65	36	42	53	42	30	48	74	56	51
Habitat Score		0.28	0.65	0.36	0.42	0.53	0.42	0.30	0.48	0.74	0.56	0.51
Total Area (ha)		2.824	2.623	0.128	0.000	2.316	2.424	2.730	0.339	0.677	0.326	2.372
Area (ha) to be removed		2.824	2.623	0.128	0.000	2.316	2.424	2.730	0.339	0.677	0.326	2.372
Area (ha) to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total habitat hectares		0.791	1.705	0.046	0.000	1.227	1.018	0.819	0.163	0.501	0.183	1.210
Habitat hectares to be removed		0.791	1.705	0.046	0.000	1.227	1.018	0.819	0.163	0.501	0.183	1.210
Habitat hectares to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Conservation Significance	Cons. Status x Hab. Score	Low	Medium	Low	Low	V. High	High	High	High	V. High	V. High	V. High

Vegetation Zone		HDF1	HDF3	HDF4	HDF5	HHrW1	HHrW2	HHrW3	HHrW4	HHrW5	HHrW6	HHrW7
	Threatened Species	High	High	High	N/A	V. High	High	V. High	High	V. High	V. High	V. High
	Other Attributes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Overall (highest rating)	High	High	High	Low	V. High	High	V. High	High	V. High	V. High	V. High
Large Old Trees	No. in Study Area	1	11	4	0	52	2	2	0	10	1	10
	No. to be Removed	1	10	4	0	24	1	1	0	4	0	1
	No. to be Retained	0	1	0	0	28	1	1	0	6	1	9

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Table 4 Summary of approved losses of patches of native vegetation under the Framework (EHP 2026)

Vegetation Zone		HHrW8	HHrW9	HHrW10	HW1	HW3	HW4	ATHrW7	ATHrW8	ATHrW10	CGW1	CGW2
Bioregion		CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	CVU	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP
EVC / Tree		HHrW	HHrW	HHrW	HW	HW	HW	ATHrW	ATHrW	ATHrW	CGW	CGW
EVC Number		71	71	71	48	48	48	67	67	67	68	68
EVC Conservation Status		D	D	D	D	D	D	En	En	En	Vu	Vu
Patch Condition	Large Old Trees /10	3	0	10	0	6	4	6	4	4	6	0
	Canopy Cover /5	3	5	4	0	5	5	5	4	3	4	4
	Under storey /25	10	5	5	10	15	10	20	15	5	5	5
	Lack of Weeds /15	5	6	4	5	6	2	2	2	2	0	0
	Recruitment /10	5	0	1	5	10	5	10	10	5	5	5
	Organic Matter /5	3	2	2	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	4
	Logs /5	0	0	3	4	4	2	3	4	0	0	0
	Treeless EVC Multiplier	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Subtotal =		29.00	18.00	29.00	29.00	51.00	33.00	50.00	44.00	24.00	24.00	18.00
Landscape Value /25		16	6	6	16	16	16	6	14	14	14	14
Habitat Points /100		45	24	35	45	67	49	56	58	38	38	32
Habitat Score		0.45	0.24	0.35	0.45	0.67	0.49	0.56	0.58	0.38	0.38	0.32
Total Area (ha)		1.793	0.044	0.143	0.638	1.313	0.549	0.441	0.392	0.456	0.384	0.192
Area (ha) to be removed		1.793	0.044	0.143	0.638	1.313	0.549	0.441	0.392	0.456	0.384	0.192
Area (ha) to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total habitat hectares		0.807	0.011	0.050	0.287	0.880	0.269	0.247	0.227	0.173	0.146	0.061
Habitat hectares to be removed		0.807	0.011	0.050	0.287	0.880	0.269	0.247	0.227	0.173	0.146	0.061
Habitat hectares to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Conservation	Cons. Status x Hab. Score	High	Medium	High	Medium	High	Medium	V. High	V. High	High	High	High
	Threatened Species	High	N/A	N/A	High	High	High	V. High	High	V. High	V. High	V. High

Vegetation Zone		HHrW8	HHrW9	HHrW10	HW1	HW3	HW4	ATHrW7	ATHrW8	ATHrW10	CGW1	CGW2
Significance	Other Attributes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Overall (highest rating)	High	Medium	High	High	High	High	V. High	V. High	V. High	V. High	V. High
Large Old Trees	No. in Study Area	7	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	8	0
	No. to be Removed	7	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	1	0
	No. to be Retained	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0

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Table 5 Summary of approved losses of patches of native vegetation under the Framework (EHP 2026)

Vegetation Zone		PG2	PGW1	PGW2	PGW3	PGW4	PGW5	PGW7	PGW8	PGW9	PGW10	HDF6	PGW5
Bioregion		VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	VVP	CVU	CVU
EVC / Tree		PG(HS)	PGW	PGW	PGW	PGW	PGW	PGW	PGW	PGW	PGW	HDF	PGW
EVC Number		132_61	55_61	55_61	55_61	55_61	55_61	55_61	55_61	55_61	55_61	20	55
EVC Conservation Status		En	En	En	En	En	En	En	En	En	En	LC	En
Patch Condition	Large Old Trees /10	0	8	2	0	9	9	0	8	8	4	0	9
	Canopy Cover /5	0	5	4	3	5	5	0	5	3	5	0	5
	Under storey /25	5	5	5	5	10	10	10	15	5	5	5	10
	Lack of Weeds /15	0	2	2	2	2	2	6	6	2	2	4	2
	Recruitment /10	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	0	5
	Organic Matter /5	4	2	4	4	2	4	5	5	3	5	4	4
	Logs /5	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	0	3
	Treeless EVC Multiplier	1.36	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Subtotal =	19.04	27.00	22.00	19.00	31.00	38.00	26.00	44.00	29.00	28.00	13.00	38.00
Landscape Value /25		8	8	12	8	14	14	6	6	6	6	8	14
Habitat Points /100		27	35	34	27	45	52	32	50	35	34	21	52
Habitat Score		0.27	0.35	0.34	0.27	0.45	0.52	0.32	0.50	0.35	0.34	0.21	0.52
Total Area (ha)		0.000	0.671	1.429	0.101	5.226	1.153	0.000	0.000	0.255	0.642	0.211	0.619
Area (ha) to be removed		0.000	0.671	1.429	0.101	5.226	1.153	0.000	0.000	0.255	0.642	0.211	0.619
Area (ha) to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total habitat hectares		0.000	0.235	0.486	0.027	2.352	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.218	0.044	0.322
Habitat hectares to be removed		0.000	0.235	0.486	0.027	2.352	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.218	0.044	0.322
Habitat hectares to be retained		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cons. Status x Hab. Score		High	High	High	High	V. High	V. High	High	V. High	High	High	Low	V. High

Vegetation Zone		PG2	PGW1	PGW2	PGW3	PGW4	PGW5	PGW7	PGW8	PGW9	PGW10	HDF6	PGW5
Conservation Significance	Threatened Species	V. High	High	N/A	N/A	High	V. High	N/A	V. High	N/A	N/A	V. High	V. High
	Other Attributes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Overall (highest rating)	V. High	High	High	High	V. High	V. High	High	V. High	High	High	V. High	V. High
Large Old Trees	No. in Study Area	0	27	5	2	114	57	0	5	6	21	0	29
	No. to be Removed	0	13	4	0	33	4	0	0	0	3	0	5
	No. to be Retained	0	14	1	2	81	53	0	5	6	18	0	24

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Table 6 Summary of Approved Losses – Scattered Trees under the Framework (EHP 2026)

Bioregion	Conservation significance	EVC	Size Class	Losses	Protect Target	Recruit Target (P&R)
CVU	High	ATHrW	VLOT	1	4	20
		PGW	VLOT	1	4	20
		HDF	LOT	1	4	20
		HHrW	VLOT	1	4	20
	Medium	HHrW	VLOT	6	12	60
			LOT	5	10	50
			MOT	3	3	15
		GDF	VLOT	9	18	90
			LOT	10	20	100
			MOT	1	1	5
	Low	GDF	VLOT	1	0	10
			LOT	2	0	20
			MOT	1	0	5
		HDF	VLOT	1	0	10
			LOT	1	0	10
			MOT	2	0	10
ST			2	0	0	
HHrW		VLOT	1	0	10	
		LOT	1	0	10	
		MOT	2	0	10	
	ST	4	0	0		
CVU Total				56	80	495
VVP	High	CGW	LOT	1	4	20
		PGW	VLOT	13	52	260
			LOT	2	8	40
			MOT	1	2	10
	Low	PGW	ST	1	0	0
VVP Total				18	66	330
Total				74	146	825

Note: CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; VLOT = Very Large Old Tree; LOT = Large Old Tree; MOT = Medium Old Tree; ST = Small Tree; P&R = Protect and Recruit.

Guideline for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation

A total of 2.022 hectares of native vegetation, comprising 1.814 hectares of native vegetation patch (including nine Large Patch Trees) and three Large Scattered trees, are proposed to be impacted within the additional project area not previously assessed.

Table 7 Removal of Native Vegetation (the Guidelines)

Assessment pathway	Detailed
Location category	2
Total extent (including past and proposed) (ha)	2.022
Includes endangered EVCs (ha)	1.160
Extent of proposed removal – Patches (ha)	1.814
Extent of proposed removal – Scattered trees (ha)	0.208
Total Large Trees to be removed (no.)	12
Large patch trees to be removed (no.)	9
Large scattered trees to be removed (no.)	3
Small scattered trees to be removed (no.)	0
EVC Conservation Status of vegetation to be removed	Least Concern (Heathy Dry Forest); Endangered (Grassy Woodland)

4 Offset Requirements

Gain Targets under the Framework (DNRE 2002).

The offset requirement as specified in accordance with Appendix 4, Table 6 pp. 54-55 *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management: A Framework for Action* (DNRE 2002) comprises:

- 18.57 HHa of Very High Conservation Significance Vegetation
- 12.755 HHa of High Conservation Significance Vegetation
- 0.61 HHa of Medium Conservation Significance Vegetation
- 0.66 HHa of Low Conservation Significance Vegetation
- the protection of 94 VLOTs
- the protection of 1200 LOTs
- the protection of 6 MOTs
- the recruitment of 95 trees

These targets for the Western Highway Section 2B are summarised in Table 8 and Table 9 below.

A detailed breakdown of losses for patches of remnant native vegetation and scattered trees within Section 2B, comparing the previous 2020 alignment with the 2025 alignment (excluding the newly assessed vegetation) is shown in Appendix A.

¹While Tables 8 and 9 show that the total number of recruits to be protected is 6,595, most of these are associated with 'protect and recruit' targets in which it is assumed that the required recruits will be generated by protection of the MOT, LOT or VLOT. As such only 95 of these will need to be sourced separately.

Table 8 Gain Targets for clearing remnant patches under the Framework (EHP 2026)

Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation significance	Vegetation			Large Old Trees		
			Total Losses (Ha)	Total Losses (HabHa)	Net Gain Target (HabHa)	Total Losses	Total to be Protected	Total to be Recruited
CVU	ATHrW	Very High	1.185	0.74	1.47	20	160	800
	GDF	Very High	1.062	0.45	0.89	9	72	360
		High	2.641	1.53	2.29	30	120	600
		Medium	1.472	0.60	0.60	7	14	70
		Low	2.992	0.66	0.66	1	0	0
	HDF	Very High	0.211	0.04	0.09	0	0	0
		High	5.575	2.54	3.81	15	60	300
	HHrW	Very High	8.421	3.94	7.88	30	240	1200
		High	4.699	2.04	3.06	9	36	180
		Medium	0.044	0.01	0.01	0	0	0
HW	High	2.500	1.44	2.015	7	28	140	
PGW*	Very High	0.620	0.322	0.640	5	40	200	
CVU Total			31.757	14.452	23.415	133	770	3850
VVP	ATHrW	Very High	1.289	0.65	1.29	0	0	0
	CGW	Very High	0.576	0.21	0.41	1	8	40
	PGW*	Very High	6.379	2.95	5.90	37	296	1480
		High	3.098	1.06	1.58	20	80	400
VVP Total			11.343	4.87	9.18	58	384	1920
2B Total			43.100	19.412	32.945	191	1154	5770

Note: * = Portion of PGW5 within CVU previously included in VVP calculations; CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; GDF = Grassy Dry Forest, PG (HS) = Heavier-soils Plains Grassland, HHrW = Hills Herb-rich Woodland, CGW = Creekline Grassy Woodland, ATHrW = Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland, PGW = Plains Grassy Woodland, HDF = Heathy Dry Forest, HW = Heathy Woodland.

Table 9 Gain targets for clearing scattered trees under the Framework (EHP 2026)

Bioregion	Conservation significance	EVC	Target No.	Size Class	Losses	Protect Target	Recruit Target (P&R)
CVU	High	ATHrW	ST-H-1	VLOT	1	4	20
		PGW	ST-H-2	VLOT	1	4	20
		HDF	ST-H-3	LOT	1	4	20
		HHrW	ST-H-4	VLOT	1	4	20
	Medium	HHrW	ST-M-1	VLOT	6	12	60
			ST-M-2	LOT	5	10	50
			ST-M-3	MOT	3	3	15
		GDF	ST-M-4	VLOT	9	18	90
			ST-M-5	LOT	10	20	100
			ST-M-6	MOT	1	1	5
	Low	GDF	S-L-1	VLOT	1	0	10
			S-L-2	LOT	2	0	20
			S-L-3	MOT	1	0	5
		HDF	S-L-4	VLOT	1	0	10
			S-L-5	LOT	1	0	10
			S-L-6	MOT	2	0	10
			-	ST	2	0	0
		HHrW	S-L-7	VLOT	1	0	10
			S-L-8	LOT	1	0	10
S-L-9			MOT	2	0	10	
-	ST	4	0	0			
CVU Total					56	80	495
VVP	High	CGW	ST-H-5	LOT	1	4	20
		PGW	ST-H-6	VLOT	13	52	260
			ST-H-7	LOT	2	8	40
			ST-H-8	MOT	1	2	10
	Low	PGW	-	ST	1	0	0
VVP Total					18	66	330
Total					74	146	825

Note: CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; VLOT = Very Large Old Tree; LOT = Large Old Tree; MOT = Medium Old Tree; ST = Small Tree; P&R = Protect and Recruit.

Offset requirements under the Guidelines (DEECA 2025)

The offset requirements for the removal of native vegetation required to be assessed under the Guidelines are 0.5910 General Habitat Units and 12 Large Trees.

Table 10 Offset requirements under the Guidelines (EHP 2026)

General Offsets Required	0.5910 General Habitat Units
Large Trees	12
Vicinity (catchment/council)	Glenelg Hopkins CMA / Ararat Rural City Council LGA
Minimum Strategic Biodiversity Value*	0.4188

*The minimum Strategic Biodiversity Value is 80% of the weighted average score across habitat zones where a General offset is required.

5 Offsets procured by VicRoads for Western Highway Section 2B

Third party offsets have been secured for all Western Highway Section 2B offset targets as described in Table 11 below. Offsets have been procured by VicRoads or a subsidiary e.g., Roads Corporation; Head, Transport for Victoria; Major Road Projects Victoria. The offsets are provided in the Victorian Volcanic Plains (VVP) and Central Victorian Uplands (CVU) in zones of the same or higher conservation significance as the loss zones. Further detail regarding these credits is provided in Appendix B.

During the 2025 revision of the design, an offset to address impacts to 0.62 hectares and 5 large old trees of very high conservation significance Plains Grassy Woodland within the Central Victorian Uplands is yet to be secured. This offset (0.640 Habitat Hectares and 40 large old trees) is not available on the DEECA offset register, and as such a next best offset option was proposed to DEECA and accepted in June 2026 (see Appendix F)

The offset requirements for the removal of native vegetation required to be assessed under the Guidelines (0.5910 General Habitat Units and 12 Large Trees) are yet to be secured; however there are currently multiple sites that meet the requirements for general offsets on the Native Vegetation Credit Register (Appendix C) (DEECA 2026).VIDA Roads has sought quotes to secure these additional offsets and expect them to be obtained by 30 June 2027.

Table 11 Third Party Offsets

Offset Site	EVCs present	Conservation Significance
BBA-0085_2-1-C	Valley Grassy Forest	Very High
BBA-0668-1-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
BBA-0668-2-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
BBA-0713-1-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
BBA-0931-3-B	Creepline Grassy Woodland	Very High
BBA-1133-1-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
BBA-1145-1-A	Grassy Dry Forest	Very High
BBA-2088-1-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
BBA-2088-3-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
BBA-2088-7-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
BBA-2088-7-B	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
BBA-2467-1-A	Lowland Forest	Very High
BBA-2467-1-C	Lowland Forest	Very High
BBA-2467-2-A	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
BBA-2467-3-A	Lowland Forest	Very High
BBA-2467-3-D	Lowland Forest	Very High
BBA-2774-1-A	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	High
BBA-3027-1-A	Low Rises Grassy Woodland	Very High
TFN_2-C1778-1-A	Valley Grassy Forest	Very High
TFN_2-C1778-1-B	Valley Grassy Forest	Very High
TFN_2-C1778-1-C	Grassy Dry Forest	Very High
TFN_2-C1778-1-D	Grassy Forest	Very High

Offset Site	EVCs present	Conservation Significance
TFN_2-C1778-1-E	Grassy Dry Forest	Very High
TFN_2-C1778-1-F	Grassy Dry Forest	Very High
TFN-1-C1778-1-A	Valley Grassy Forest	Very High
TFN-1-C1778-1-B	Valley Grassy Forest	Very High
TFN-1-C1778-1-C	Grassy Dry Forest	Very High
TFN-1-C1778-1-D	Grassy Dry Forest	Very High
TFN-C0867_2-1-A	Stony Rises Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-1-A	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-1-C	<i>Low Rises</i> Grassy Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-1-E	Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-1-F	Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-1-G	<i>Low Rises</i> Grassy Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-1-I	<i>Low Rises</i> Grassy Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-2-A	<i>Low Rises</i> Grassy Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-2-B	Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-2-C	Grassy Dry Forest	High
TFN-C1906-2-D	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-2-E	Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-2-F	Granitic Hills Woodland	High
TFN-C1906-2-G	<i>Granitic</i> Grassy Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-2-H	<i>Granitic</i> Grassy Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1906-3-A	Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1962_2-1-A	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
TFN-C1962_2-1-B	Grassy Dry Forest	Very High
TFN-C1962-1-A	Herb-rich Foothills Forest	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-10-A	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-12-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-1-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-1-B	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-1-C	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-2-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-2-B	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-3-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	Very High
VC_CFL-3693_01-4-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
VC_CFL-3693_01-5-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
VC_CFL-3693_01-6-A	Plains Grassy Woodland	High
VC_CFL-3693_01-9-A	Hills Herb-rich Woodland	Very High

6 Allocation of Native Vegetation Credits

Third party offsets have been secured for all Western Highway Section 2B offset targets under the Framework (DNRE 2002). The offsets are provided in VVP and CVU Bioregions in zones of the same or higher conservation significance as the loss zones.

An application for a variation for the following offset targets not directly matched under the Framework was approved by DELWP in May 2018 (Appendix D):

- Central Victorian Uplands bioregion
 - 0.8 HabHa of Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
 - 0.29 HabHa of Very High Conservation Significance Heathy Dry Forest
 - 16 LOTs from Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
 - 193 LOTs from Very High Conservation Significance Hills Herb-rich Woodland.
- Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion
 - 0.7 HabHa of Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
 - 32 Very Large Old Trees (VLOTs) from High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland
 - 8 LOTs from Very High Conservation Significance Plains Grassland (Heavier soils)
 - 491 LOTs of Very High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland

Following adjustments to no go zones based on final design for the project a further application for variation for the following offset targets not directly matched under the Framework was approved by DELWP in August 2019 (Appendix E):

- Central Victorian Uplands bioregion
 - 0.27 HabHa of Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
 - 40 LOTs from Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
- Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion
 - 0.59 HabHa of Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
 - 0.21 HabHa of Very High Conservation Significance Creekline Grassy Woodland
 - 16 LOTs from Very High Conservation Significance Creekline Grassy Woodland
 - 20 Very Large Old Trees (VLOTs) from High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland

A correction to historical offset allocation under the Framework resulted in an additional application for variation for the following offset targets, not directly matched under the Framework, which was approved by DEECA in June 2026 (Appendix F).

- Central Victorian Uplands bioregion
 - 0.640 HabHa of Very High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland
 - 40 LOTs of Very High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland

A summary of the approved variations is provided in Table 12 below.

Additional Credits

As of June 2026, the project has surplus credits including 5.85 habitat hectares, 343 very large old trees and 1350 large old trees of very high or high conservation value located within the VVP and CVU.

Should additional offsets be required under the Framework for the project, VIDA Roads preference is to meet the Framework requirements from these surplus credits in preference to securing new credits from the register.

Table 12 Offsets requirement variations – 2018 and 2019

	2018			2019			2026		
	Hab Ha	VLOTs	LOTs	Hab Ha	VLOTs	LOTs	Hab Ha	VLOTs	LOTs
Central Victorian Uplands bioregion									
Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	0.8			1.07					
Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland			16			56			
Very High Conservation Significance Grassy Dry Forest							3	4	
Very High Conservation Significance Grassy Forest									9
Very High Conservation Significance Granitic Grassy Woodland							4		
Very High Conservation Significance Grassy Woodland							5		
Very High Conservation Significance Heathy Dry Forest	0.29			0.29					
Very High Conservation Significance Hills Herb-rich Woodland			193			193			15
Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion									
Very High Conservation Significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	0.7			1.29					

	2018			2019			2026		
Very High Conservation Significance Creekline Grassy Woodland				0.21		16			
Very High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland							0.64		
High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland		32			52				
Very High Conservation Significance Plains Grassland (Heavier soils)			8			8			
Very High Conservation Significance Plains Grassy Woodland			491			99			

Allocations of secured offsets are detailed in Table 13, Table 14 and Table 15 below and Appendix B.

All offsets required under the Framework have been secured. Offsets required by the Guidelines will be secured by 30 June 2027, with evidence provided to DEECA upon receipt of the Credit Extract(s).

Table 13 Allocation of native vegetation credits for clearing a remnant patch

Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation Significance	Gain Target (Hha)	Trading UP		Offset Information	
				Discount (%)	Target After Discount	Offset Zone(s)	Gain (Hha)
CVU	ATHrW	V. High	1.47	-	-	TFN-C1906-1-E	0.63
						VC_CFL-3693_01-9-A	0.84
CVU	GDF	V. High	0.89	-	-	TFN-1-C1778-1-C	0.65
						BBA-1145-1-A	0.24
CVU	PGW	V. High	0.640	-	-	VC_CFL_3693_01-12-A	0.64
CVU	GDF	High	2.29	25	1.72	BBA-1145-1-A	1.25
						TFN-C1906-2-A	0.32
						TFN-C1906-1-I	0.72
CVU	GDF	Medium	0.6	33	0.40	TFN-C1906-2-F	0.40
						TFN-C1906-1-I	0.20
CVU	GDF	Low	0.66	33	0.44	TFN-C1906-2-F	0.19
						TFN-C1906-1-I	0.25
CVU	HDF	V. High	0.09	-	-	TFN-C1906-2-H	0.15
CVU	HDF	High	3.81	25	2.86	TFN-C1906-1-G	1.48
						VC_CFL-3693_01-10-A	2.33
CVU	HHrW	V. High	7.88	-	-	TFN-C1906-1-A	0.58
						VC_CFL-3693_01-1-B	3.60
						TFN-C1906-2-D	2.77
						VC_CFL-3693_01-9-A	0.93
CVU	HHrW	High	3.06	25	2.29	TFN-C1906-1-C	1.67

Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation Significance	Gain Target (Hha)	Trading UP		Offset Information	
				Discount (%)	Target After Discount	Offset Zone(s)	Gain (Hha)
						VC_CFL-3693_01-10-A	0.86
						TFN-C1906-2-A	0.53
CVU	HHrW	Medium	0.01	33	0.01	TFN-C1906-2-F	0.01
CVU	HW	High	2.015	25	1.51	TFN-C1906-2-H	0.36
						VC_CFL-3693_01-10-A	1.24
						VC_CFL-3693_01-2-B	0.42
VVP	ATHrW	V. High	1.29	-	-	VC_CFL-3693_01-9-A	1.29
VVP	CGW	V. High	0.41	-	-	BBA 0931-3-B	0.34
						VC_CFL-3693_01-1-C	0.07
VVP	PGW	V. High	5.9	-	-	VC_CFL-3693_01-2-A	1.58
						BBA-0668-1-A	1.16
						VC_CFL-3693_01-1-A	1.99
						VC_CFL-3693_01-1-C	0.18
						VC_CFL-3693_01-12-A	1
VVP	PGW	High	1.58	25	1.19	VC_CFL-3693_01-9-A	1.19

Note: CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; GDF = Grassy Dry Forest, HHrW = Hills Herb-rich Woodland, CGW = Creekline Grassy Woodland, ATHrW = Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland, PGW = Plains Grassy Woodland, HDF = Heathy Dry Forest, HW = Heathy Woodland.

Table 14 Allocation of tree credits for trees in a patch

Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation Significance	Trees to be protected	Trees to be protected	Plants to be recruited	Offset Information		
						Offset Zone(s)	Trees Protected	Trees Protected
CVU	ATHrW	V. High	LOT	160	800	TFN-C1906-1-F	LOT	4
							VLOT	7
						TFN-C1906-2-E	LOT	4
							VLOT	11
						TFN-C1906-3-A	LOT	7
							VLOT	3
						TFN-C1906-1-C	LOT	10
							VLOT	6
						TFN-C1906-2-B	VLOT	4
						BBA-3027-1-A	LOT	33
VC_CFL-3693_01-10-A	LOT	60						
VC_CFL-3693_01-1-B	LOT	11						
CVU	GDF	V. High	LOT	72	360	TFN-C1962_2-1-B	LOT	72
CVU	GDF	High	LOT	120	600	TFN-C1906-2-C	LOT	14
							VLOT	8
						TFN-2-C1778-1-F	LOT	36
							VLOT	5
						TFN-1-C1778-1-C	LOT	18
							VLOT	4
TFN_2-C1778-1-E	LOT	10						
TFN-C1962_2-1-B	LOT	25						

Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation Significance	Trees to be protected	Trees to be protected	Plants to be recruited	Offset Information		
						Offset Zone(s)	Trees Protected	Trees Protected
CVU	GDF	Medium	LOT	14	70	BBA-2467-1-A	LOT	14
CVU	HDF	High	LOT	60	300	TFN-C1962_2-1-A	LOT	60
CVU	HHrW	V. High	LOT	240	1200	TFN-C1906-1-A	LOT	10
							VLOT	1
						TFN-C1906-1-E	LOT	2
							VLOT	5
						TFN-C1906-2-D	LOT	16
	VLOT	13						
						TFN-C1962_2-1-A	LOT	193
CVU	HHrW	High	LOT	36	180	BBA 2774-1-A	LOT	36
CVU	HW	High	LOT	28	140	TFN-C1962_2-1-A	LOT	24
						TFN_2-C1778-1-D	LOT	4
CVU	PGW	Very High	LOT	40	200	*TFN_2-C1778-1-C	VLOT	2
							LOT	1
						TFN-1-C1778-1-D	VLOT	1
						TFN-C1962_2-1-B	LOT	3
						TFN_2-C1778-1-D	LOT	9
						TFN-C1906-2-G	VLOT	4
TFN-C1906-2-A	VLOT	5						
						VC_CFL-3693_01-1-B	LOT	15
VVP	CGW	V. High	LOT	8	40	BBA-2467-1-A	LOT	8
VVP	PGW	V. High	LOT	296	1480	BBA-0668-1-A	LOT	152
						BBA-0668-2-A	LOT	44
						BBA-713-1-A	VLOT	7

Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation Significance	Trees to be protected	Trees to be protected	Plants to be recruited	Offset Information		
						Offset Zone(s)	Trees Protected	Trees Protected
						TFN-C0867_2-1-A	LOT	93
VVP	PGW	High	LOT	80	400	TFN-C0867_2-1-A	LOT	80

Note: CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; GDF = Grassy Dry Forest, HHRW = Hills Herb-rich Woodland, CGW = Creekline Grassy Woodland, ATHrW = Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland, PGW = Plains Grassy Woodland, HDF = Heathy Dry Forest, HW = Heathy Woodland.

Table 15 Allocation of tree credits for clearing scattered trees

Bioregion	Conservation Significance	Target No.	Trees to be protected		Plants to be recruited	Offset Information			
						Offset Zone	Trees Protected	Trees Protected	Plants to be recruited
CVU	High	ST-H-1	VLOT	4	20	TFN-1-C1778-1-A	VLOT	4	-
CVU	High	ST-H-2	VLOT	4	20	TFN-C1906-2-F	VLOT	4	-
CVU	High	ST-H-3	LOT	4	20	BBA-2774-1-A	LOT	4	-
CVU	High	ST-H-4	VLOT	4	20	TFN-2-C1778-1-A	VLOT	1	-
CVU						TFN-2-C1778-1-B	VLOT	2	-
CVU						TFN-2-C1778-1-D	VLOT	1	-
CVU	Medium	ST-M-1	VLOT	12	60	BBA-2774-1-A	VLOT	12	-
CVU	Medium	ST-M-2	LOT	10	50	TFN-1-C1778-1-D	LOT	6	-
CVU						TFN_2-C1778-1-D	LOT	4	-
CVU	Medium	ST-M-3	MOT	3	15	TFN_2-C1778-1-D	LOT	3	-
CVU	Medium	ST-M-4	VLOT	18	90	TFN-C1906-2-F	VLOT	18	-
CVU	Medium	ST-M-5	LOT	20	100	TFN-C1906-2-F	LOT	20	-
CVU	Medium	ST-M-6	MOT	1	5	TFN-C1906-2-F	LOT	1	-

Bioregion	Conservation Significance	Target No.	Trees to be protected		Plants to be recruited	Offset Information			
						Offset Zone	Trees Protected	Trees Protected	Plants to be recruited
CVU	Low	S-L-1	VLOT	0	10	VC_CFL-3693_01-4-A	-	-	10
CVU	Low	S-L-2	LOT	0	30	VC_CFL-3693_01-6-A	-	-	30
CVU	Low	S-L-3	MOT	0	5	VC_CFL-3693_01-4-A	-	-	5
CVU	Low	S-L-4	VLOT	0	10	VC_CFL-3693_01-6-A	-	-	10
CVU	Low	S-L-5	LOT	0	10	VC_CFL-3693_01-5-A	-	-	7
						VC_CFL-3693_01-6-A	-	-	3
CVU	Low	S-L-6	MOT	0	10	VC_CFL-3693_01-5-A	-	-	10
CVU	Low	S-L-7	VLOT	0	10	BBA-0085_2-1-C	LOT	10	
CVU	Low	S-L-8	LOT	0	10	VC_CFL-3693_01-5-A	-	-	10
CVU	Low	S-L-9	MOT	0	10	VC_CFL-3693_01-6-A	-	-	10
VVP	High	ST-H-5	LOT	4	20	BBA-1133-1-A	VLOT	4	-
VVP	High	ST-H-6	VLOT	52	260	BBA-2467-1-A	LOT	48	-
VVP						BBA-2467-1-A	LOT	30	-
VVP	High	ST-H-7	LOT	8	40	BBA-2088-1-A	VLOT	8	-
VVP	High	ST-H-8	MOT	2	10	BBA-2088-1-A	VLOT	2	-

Note: CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion

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Appendix A Comparison of 2020 and 2025 patches of native vegetation and scattered tree losses

Appendix A Table 16. Comparison of Impacts to Native Vegetation on Section 2B of the Western Highway Project (inclusive of the Guidelines and Framework). (EHP 2026)

Impacted Native Vegetation			
	2020	2025	Change of Impacts
EVC Patch (ha)	43.758	44.914	+1.156
Large Trees in Patches	179	200	+21
Scattered Trees	83 (62 Large, 21 Small)	77 (60 Large, 17 Small)	-6 (-2 Large, -4 Small)

Appendix A Table 17. Detailed breakdown of losses for patches of remnant native vegetation within Section 2B, comparing the previous 2020 alignment with the 2025 alignment (excluding newly assessed vegetation). (EHP 2026)

Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation significance	2020 Alignment						2025 Alignment					
			Vegetation			Large Old Trees			Vegetation			Large Old Trees		
			Total Losses (Ha)	Total Losses (HabHa)	Net Gain Target (HabHa)	Total Losses	Total to be Protected	Total to be Recruited	Total Losses (Ha)	Total Losses (HabHa)	Net Gain Target (HabHa)	Total Losses	Total to be Protected	Total to be Recruited
CVU	ATHrW	Very High	0.878	0.54	1.07	12	96	480	1.185	0.74	1.47	20	160	800
	GDF	Very High	1.062	0.45	0.89	9	72	360	1.062	0.45	0.89	9	72	360
		High	2.685	1.55	2.33	24	96	480	2.641	1.53	2.29	30	120	600
		Medium	1.975	0.8	0.8	7	14	70	1.472	0.60	0.60	7	14	70
		Low	2.992	0.66	0.66	1	0	0	2.992	0.66	0.66	1	0	0
	HDF	Very High	0.654	0.14	0.28	0	0	0	0.211	0.04	0.09	0	0	0
		High	5.181	2.33	3.5	15	60	300	5.575	2.54	3.81	15	60	300
	HHrW	Very High	8.248	3.87	7.74	32	256	1280	8.421	3.94	7.88	30	240	1200

			2020 Alignment						2025 Alignment					
Bioregion	Target EVC	Conservation significance	Vegetation			Large Old Trees			Vegetation			Large Old Trees		
			Total Losses (Ha)	Total Losses (HabHa)	Net Gain Target (HabHa)	Total Losses	Total to be Protected	Total to be Recruited	Total Losses (Ha)	Total Losses (HabHa)	Net Gain Target (HabHa)	Total Losses	Total to be Protected	Total to be Recruited
		High	4.702	2.03	3.05	9	36	180	4.699	2.04	3.06	9	36	180
		Medium	0.044	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0.044	0.01	0.01	0	0	0
	HW	High	2.484	1.43	2.14	7	28	140	2.500	1.44	2.015	7	28	140
	PGW*	VH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.620	0.322	0.640	5	40	200
CVU Total			30.905	13.81	22.47	116	658	3290	31.757 (+0.852)	14.452 (+0.732)	23.415 (+1.295)	133 (+17)	770 (+112)	3850 (+560)
VVP	ATHrW	Very High	1.289	0.65	1.29	0	0	0	1.289	0.65	1.29	0	0	0
	CGW	Very High	0.635	0.23	0.46	1	8	40	0.576	0.21	0.41	1	8	40
	PG(HS)	Very High	0.172	0.05	0.09	1	8	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
	PGW*	Very High	7.42	3.5	7	42	336	1680	6.379	2.95	5.90	37	296	1480
		High	3.337	1.13	1.69	19	76	380	3.098	1.06	1.58	20	80	400
VVP Total			12.853	5.56	10.53	63	428	2140	11.343 (-1.510)	4.87 (-0.690)	9.18 (-1.35)	58 (-5)	384 (-44)	1920 (-220)
2B Total			43.758	19.37	33	179	1086	5430	43.100 (-0.658)	19.412 (+0.042)	32.945 (-0.055)	191 (+12)	1154 (+68)	5770 (+340)

Note: * = Portion of PGW5 within CVU previously included in VVP calculations; Value within brackets (###) = change in value from 2020 to 2025; CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; GDF = Grassy Dry Forest, PG (HS) = Heavier-soils Plains Grassland, HHRW = Hills Herb-rich Woodland, CGW = Creekline Grassy Woodland, HW = Heathy Woodland, ATHrW = Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland, PGW = Plains Grassy Woodland, HDF = Heathy Dry Forest.

Appendix A Table 18. Detailed breakdown of losses for scattered remnant trees within Section 2B, comparing the previous 2020 alignment with the 2025 alignment (excluding newly assessed vegetation). (EHP 2026)

				2020 Alignment			2025 Alignment		
Bioregion	Conservation significance	EVC	Size Class	Losses	Protect Target	Recruit Target (P&R)	Losses	Protect Target	Recruit Target (P&R)
CVU	High	ATHrW	VLOT	1	4	20	1	4	20
		PGW	VLOT	1	4	20	1	4	20
		HDF	LOT	-	-	-	1	4	20
		HHrW	VLOT	-	-	-	1	4	20
	Medium	HHrW	VLOT	9	18	90	6	12	60
			LOT	6	6	30	5	10	50
			MOT	5	5	25	3	3	15
		GDF	VLOT	-	-	-	9	18	90
			LOT	-	-	-	10	20	100
			MOT	-	-	-	1	1	5
	Low	GDF	VLOT	10	10	50	1	0	10
			LOT	-	-	-	2	0	20
			MOT	-	-	-	1	0	5
		HDF	VLOT	3	3	15	1	0	10
			LOT	16	0	80	1	0	10
			MOT	6	0	30	2	0	10
			ST	3	0	0	2	0	0
		HHrW	VLOT	-	-	-	1	0	10
			LOT	-	-	-	1	0	10
			MOT	-	-	-	2	0	10
ST	4		0	0	4	0	0		
CVU Total				64	50	360	56 (-8)	80 (+30)	495 (+135)

				2020 Alignment			2025 Alignment		
Bioregion	Conservation significance	EVC	Size Class	Losses	Protect Target	Recruit Target (P&R)	Losses	Protect Target	Recruit Target (P&R)
VVP	High	CGW	LOT	1	2	10	1	4	20
		PGW	VLOT	13	52	260	13	52	260
			LOT	2	4	20	2	8	40
			MOT	1	1	5	1	2	10
	Low	PGW	ST	2	0	0	1	0	0
VVP Total				19	59	295	18 (-1)	66 (+7)	330 (+35)
Total				83	109	655	74 (-9)	146 (-37)	825 (+170)

Note: CVU = Central Victorian Uplands bioregion; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion; Value within brackets (###) = change in value from 2020 to 2025; VLOT = Very Large Old Tree; LOT = Large Old Tree; MOT = Medium Old Tree; ST = Small Tree; P&R = Protect and Recruit.

Appendix B Offset Credits held by VicRoads for Western Highway 2B

BBA-0085-2-1-C



Department of
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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0733

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:
Project name: Western Highway Stage 2
***Responsible authority:** EES Referral 2010-10 - Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares: 0.00
Very large old trees: 14
Large old trees: 41
Medium old trees: 0
Recruits: 0
Date of allocation: 10/08/2015

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-0085_2-1-C
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.77
Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class: Valley Grassy Forest (0047)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Denver
Registered Aboriginal Parties: Dja Dja Wurrung

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0734

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	4
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-0085_2-1-C
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.77
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Valley Grassy Forest (0047)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Denver
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Dja Dja Wurrung

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BBA-0668-1-A

Third Party Offset Site - BBA 668-001-A

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: EES Approval 2010-10
Approval reference: Amendments C37 of the Pyrenees and C27 of the Ararat Rural City Planning Schemes
Project name: Western Highway Section 2 – Beaufort to Ararat
Responsible authority: Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.16	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	0	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	23/06/2017		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-0668-1-A
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.47
Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)
Best 50% of habitat:

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Victoria Valley

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	0	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	152		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-668-1-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very High

Habitat score: 0.47

Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain

Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of habitat:

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Victoria Valley

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BBA-0668-2-A

Third Party Offset Site - BBA 668-002-A

**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	0	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	44		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-668-2-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very High

Habitat score: 0.47

Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain

Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055_61)

Best 50% of habitat:

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Victoria Valley

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BBA-0713-1-A

Third Party Offset Site – BBA-713-1-A

**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	7	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-713-1-A
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.43
Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055_61)
Best 50% of habitat:

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Victoria Valley

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BBA-0931-3-B

Third Party Offset Site – BBA-0931-3-B

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (EES Referral 2010-10)
Project name: Western Highway Stage 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.34	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	0	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	10/07/2017		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-0931-3-B
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.49
Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class: Creekline Grassy Woodland (0068)
Best 50% of habitat:

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Parwan

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BBA-1133-1-A



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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Native vegetation removal report:

Project name: Western Highway Section 2
***Responsible authority:** Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares: 0.00
Very large old trees: 14
Large old trees: 0
Medium old trees: 0
Recruits: 0
Date of allocation: 25/05/2016

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-1133-1-A
Credit type: Scattered trees
Conservation significance: High
Habitat score: 0.00
Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Dunkeld
Registered Aboriginal Parties Eastern Maar

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BBA-1145-1-A

Third Party Offset Site - BBA-1145-1-A

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning scheme amendment

Approval reference: Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (EES Referral 2010-10)

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.25	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	0	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	26/04/2018		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-1145-1-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very High

Habitat score: 0.75

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Grassy Dry Forest (0022)

Best 50% of habitat:	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
	Square-tailed Kite	Lophoictinia isura
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Nulla Vale

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0372

Credit owner: Head, Transport for Victoria

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C027 of the Ararat and C037 of the Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Project name:	Western Highway (Section 2 - Buangor to Ararat)
Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.24
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	27/05/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-1145-1-A	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.75	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Grassy Dry Forest (0022)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
	No habitat recorded	
	Square-tailed Kite	Lophoictinia isura
	No habitat recorded	
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	No habitat recorded	
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Nulla Vale	

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BBA-2088-1-A



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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
***Responsible authority:** Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares: 0.00
Very large old trees: 12
Large old trees: 0
Medium old trees: 0
Recruits: 0
Date of allocation: 25/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-2088-1-A
Credit type: Scattered trees
Conservation significance: High
Habitat score: 0.00
Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)
Best 50% of Habitat:
Remaining 50% of Habitat:
Locality: Dunkeld
Registered Aboriginal Parties Gunditj Mirring

BBA-2088-3-A



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
***Responsible authority:** Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares: 0.00
Very large old trees: 16
Large old trees: 0
Medium old trees: 0
Recruits: 0
Date of allocation: 25/05/2016

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-2088-3-A
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: High
Habitat score: 0.33
Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)
Best 50% of Habitat:
Remaining 50% of Habitat:
Locality: Dunkeld
Registered Aboriginal Parties Gunditj Mirring

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BBA-2088-7-A



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	1
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2016

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-2088-7-A
Credit type:	Scattered trees
Conservation significance:	High
Habitat score:	0.00
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)
Best 50% of Habitat:	
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	
Locality:	Dunkeld
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Gunditj Mirring

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BBA-2088-7-B



**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
***Responsible authority:** Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares: 0.00
Very large old trees: 1
Large old trees: 0
Medium old trees: 0
Recruits: 0
Date of allocation: 25/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-2088-7-B
Credit type: Scattered trees
Conservation significance: High
Habitat score: 0.00
Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class: Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)
Best 50% of Habitat:
Remaining 50% of Habitat:
Locality: Dunkeld
Registered Aboriginal Parties Gunditj Mirring

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BBA-2467-1-A

Third Party Offset Site - BB 2467-001-A

**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning scheme amendment – VC37

Approval reference: Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Stage 2

Responsible authority: EES Referral 2010-10 - Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	0	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	577		
Date of allocation	10/08/2015		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-2467-1-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very High

Habitat score: 0.81

Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plain

Ecological Vegetation Class: Lowland Forest

Best 50% of habitat	Western Peppermint	Eucalyptus falcoformis
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Hotspur

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BBA-2467-1-C



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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0537

Credit owner: Head, Transport for Victoria

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendments C037 of the Pyrenees Shire and C027 of the Ararat Rural City Planning Schemes
Project name:	Western Highway (Section 2 - Buangor to Ararat)
Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	1
Large old trees:	1
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/07/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-2467-1-C
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.79
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Lowland Forest (0018)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Hotspur
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BBA-2467-2-A



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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning scheme amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C37 to the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Stage 2
*Responsible authority:	ESS Referral 2010-10 - Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	330
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	10/08/2015

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-2467-2-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.75
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Herb-rich Foothill Forest (0023)
Best 50% of Habitat:	
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	
Locality:	Hotspur
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Gunditj Mirring

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BBA-2467-3-A



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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning scheme amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Stage 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	38
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	6/09/2016

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-2467-3-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.81
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Lowland Forest (0016)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Hotspur
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Gunditj Mirring

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning scheme amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Stage 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	15
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	6/09/2016

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-2467-3-D
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.79
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Lowland Forest (0018)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Hotspur
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Gunditj Mirring

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BBA-2774-1-A

Third Party Offset Site – BBA-2774 001A

**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	100	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	93		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: BBA-2774-1-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: High

Habitat score: 0.48

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Hills-Herb-rich Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:	Melbourne Yellow-gum	Eucalyptus leucoxylon subsp. connata
	Fragrant Saltbush	Rhagodia parabolica

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Little River

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BBA-3027-1-A



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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2019-0335

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	EES Approval
Approval reference:	ESS Referral 2010-10; Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and Amendment C27 of the Ararat Rural City Planning Scheme
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2B
Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	33
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	7/05/2019

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	BBA-3027-1-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	N/A
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Low Rises Grassy Woodland (0175_01)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Beaufort

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TFN 2-C1778-1-A

Third Party Offset Site - TFN-2-1778-1A

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	4	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-2-C1778-1-A
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.67
Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class: Valley Grassy Forest (0047)
Best 50% of habitat:

Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua

Remaining 50% of habitat

Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana
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Locality: Baynton

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TFN 2-C1778-1-B

Third Party Offset Site - TFN-2-1778-1B

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	9	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-2-C1778-1-B
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.68
Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class: Valley Grassy Forest (0047)

Best 50% of habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of habitat	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana

Locality: Baynton

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TFN 2-C1778-1-C

Third Party Offset Site - TFN-2-1778-1C

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	2	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	1		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-2-C1778-1-C

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very High

Habitat score: 0.77

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Grassy Dry Forest (0022)

Best 50% of habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa

Remaining 50% of habitat	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana
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Locality: Baynton

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TFN 2-C1778-1-D

Third Party Offset Site - TFN-2-1778-1-D

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	1	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	20		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-2-C1778-1-D
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.77
Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class: Grassy Forest (0128)

Best 50% of habitat:	Brush-tailed Phascogale Powerful Owl	Phascogale tapoatafa Ninox strenua
Remaining 50% of habitat	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana

Locality: Baynton

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TFN_2-C1778-1-E



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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0102

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	ESS Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme amendment C37 of the Pyrenee Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenee Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	10
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN_2-C1778-1-E
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.75
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Grassy Dry Forest (0022)

Best 50% of Habitat:
Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Baynton
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Taungurung

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TFN_2-C1778-1-F



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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0102

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	ESS Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme amendment C37 of the Pyrenee Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenee Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	5
Large old trees:	36
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN_2-C1778-1-F
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.75
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Grassy Dry Forest (0022)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Baynton
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Taungurung

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TFN-1-C1778-1-A



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	15
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-1-C1778-1-A	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.67	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Valley Grassy Forest (0047)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana
Locality:	Baynton	
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Taungurung	

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TFN-1-C1778-1-B



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	2
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-1-C1778-1-B	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.68	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Valley Grassy Forest (0047)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana
Locality:	Baynton	
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Taungurung	

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TFN-1-C1778-1-C



Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2019-0623

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	ESS approval 2010-10 (Amendment C037 of the Pyrenees and C027 of the Ararat Rural City Planning Schemes)
Project name:	Not supplied
Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.85
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	10/05/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-1-C1778-1-C	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.77	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Grassy Dry Forest (0022)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana
Locality:	Baynton	

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Native Vegetation Credit Register Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	4
Large old trees:	18
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2016

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-1-C1778-1-C	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.77	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Grassy Dry Forest (0022)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana
Locality:	Baynton	
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Taungurung	

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TFN-1-C1778-1-D



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2
*Responsible authority:	Pyrenees Shire Council; Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	1
Large old trees:	6
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	25/05/2016

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-1-C1778-1-D	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.77	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Grassy Dry Forest (0022)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobeana
Locality:	Baynton	
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Taungurung	

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TFN-C0867 2-1-A

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C0867_2-1-A

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0090

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	73
Large old trees:	519
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C0867_2-1-A	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.84	
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Stony Rises Woodland (0203)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Grey Goshawk	Accipiter novaehollandiae novaehollandiae
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Pomborneit	

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TFN-C1906-1-A

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-1-A

**Department of
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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.59
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-1-A	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.60	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Hills Herb-rich Woodland (0071)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Elmhurst	

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	1	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	10		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-1-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.6

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Hills Herb-rich Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-1-C

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**Department of
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Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation
Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.67
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-1-C	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.61	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Low Rises Grassy Woodland (0175_61)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Elmhurst	

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	6	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	10		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-1-C

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.61

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Low Rises Grassy Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-1-E

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-1-E

**Department of
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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.63
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-1-E	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.65	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Hills Herb-rich Woodland (0071)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Elmhurst	

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	5	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	2		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-1-E

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.65

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Hills Herb-rich Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-1-F

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-1-F
**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**
Credit owner: Roads Corporation
Credits allocated to:
Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	7	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	4		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:
Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-1-F

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.49

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland

Best 50% of habitat: Powerful Owl Ninox strenua
Remaining 50% of habitat
Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-1-G

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-1-G

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.48
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-1-G
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.53
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Low Rises Grassy Woodland (0175_61)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Elmhurst
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TFN-C1906-1-I

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-1-I

**Department of
Environment, Land, Water and Planning**

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.17
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-1-I
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.44
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Low Rises Grassy Woodland (0175_61)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-2-A

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-2-A

**Department of
Environment, Land, Water and Planning**

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.85
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-2-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.46
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Low Rises Grassy Woodland (0175_61)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Elmhurst
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**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	5	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-2-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.46

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Low Rises Grassy Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-2-B

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-2-B
**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**
Credit owner: Roads Corporation
Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	4	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-2-B
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very high
Habitat score: 0.65
Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class: Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
Best 50% of habitat:

Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa

Remaining 50% of habitat
Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-2-D

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-2-D

**Department of
Environment, Land, Water and Planning**

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	2.77
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-2-D	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.64	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Hills Herb-rich Woodland (0071)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Elmhurst	

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**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	13	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	16		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-2-D

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.64

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Hills Herb-rich Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-2-E

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-2-E

**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.
Project name: Western Highway Section 2
Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	11	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	4		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-2-E
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very high
Habitat score: 0.41
Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class: Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland
Best 50% of habitat: Powerful Owl
 Ninox strenua
 Brush-tailed Phascogale
 Phascogale tapoatafa

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-2-F

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-2-F

**Department of
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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.04
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-2-F	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	High	
Habitat score:	0.71	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Granitic Hills Woodland (0072)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Elmhurst	

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0373

Credit owner: Head, Transport for Victoria

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C027 of the Ararat and C037 of the Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Project name:	Western Highway (Section 2 - Buangor to Ararat)
Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.13
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	27/05/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1908-2-F	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	High	
Habitat score:	0.71	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Granitic Hills Woodland (0072)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Elmhurst	

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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	59	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	38		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-2-F

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: High

Habitat score: 0.71

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Granitic Hills Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatata

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-2-G

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-2-G

**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	4	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	0		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-2-G

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.64

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Granitic Grassy Woodland

Best 50% of habitat:

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1906-2-H

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-2-H

**Department of
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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0092

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.51
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1906-2-H
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.55
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Granitic Grassy Woodland (0175_62)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Elmhurst
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TFN-C1906-3-A

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1906-3-A

**Department of
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**Native Vegetation Credit Register
Allocated credit extract**

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment

Approval reference: EES Referral 2010-10 - Planning Scheme Amendment C37 of the Pyrenees Planning Scheme and C27 of the Ararat Planning Scheme.

Project name: Western Highway Section 2

Responsible authority: Pyrenees Shire Council and Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00	Medium old trees:	0
Very large old trees:	3	Recruits:	0
Large old trees:	7		
Date of allocation	25/05/2016		

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: TFN-C1906-3-A

Credit type: Remnant vegetation

Conservation significance: Very high

Habitat score: 0.49

Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands

Ecological Vegetation Class: Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland

Best 50% of habitat: Powerful Owl Ninox strenua

Remaining 50% of habitat

Locality: Elmhurst

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TFN-C1962_2-1-A

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1962_2-1-A

**Department of
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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0093

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	298
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1962_2-1-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.66
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Herb-rich Foothill Forest (0023)

Best 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobiana
	Lanky Buttons	Leptorhynchus elongatus
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
	Square-tailed Kite	Lophoictinia isura
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Lancofield
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TFN-C1962_2-1-B

Third Party Offset Site – TFN-C1962_2-1-B

**Department of
Environment, Land, Water and Planning**

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0093

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	100
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1962_2-1-B
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.56
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Grassy Dry Forest (0022)

Best 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobiana
	Lanky Buttons	Leptorhychos elongatus
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
	Square-tailed Kite	Lophoictinia isura
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Lancefield

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TFN-C1962-1-A



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2018-0091

Credit owner: Roads Corporation

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat Planning Scheme (ESS Referral 2010-10)
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Section 2; (ESS Referral 2010-10)
*Responsible authority:	Ararat Rural City Council

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	12
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	13/04/2018

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	TFN-C1962-1-A	
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation	
Conservation significance:	Very High	
Habitat score:	0.66	
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands	
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Herb-rich Foothill Forest (0023)	
Best 50% of Habitat:	Clover Glycine	Glycine latrobiana
	Lanky Buttons	Leptorhychos elongatus
	Brush-tailed Phascogale	Phascogale tapoatafa
	Square-tailed Kite	Lophoictinia isura
	Powerful Owl	Ninox strenua
Remaining 50% of Habitat:		
Locality:	Lancefield	
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung	

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Department of
Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria**

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	5.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	60
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-10-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.65
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Hills Herb-rich Woodland (0071)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-12-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.63
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Dobie

Registered Aboriginal Parties Eastern Maar

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria**

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	2.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-1-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.63
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria**

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	3.60
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	48
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-1-B
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.65
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Hills Herb-rich Woodland (0071)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Dobie

Registered Aboriginal Parties: Eastern Maar

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Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
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Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.60
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-1-C
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.63
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria**

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	1.59
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-2-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.67
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria**

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type: Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference: Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:
Project name: Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
***Responsible authority:** Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares: 0.60
Very large old trees: 0
Large old trees: 0
Medium old trees: 0
Recruits: 0
Date of allocation: 15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier: VC_CFL-3693_01-2-B
Credit type: Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance: Very High
Habitat score: 0.65
Bioregion: Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class: Hills Herb-rich Woodland (0071)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality: Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties Eastern Maar

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

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Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.60
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-3-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.63
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)
Best 50% of Habitat:	
Remaining 50% of Habitat:	
Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

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**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
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Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	15
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-4-A
Credit type:	Revegetation
Conservation significance:	High
Habitat score:	0.00
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	27
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-5-A
Credit type:	Revegetation
Conservation significance:	High
Habitat score:	0.00
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Native Vegetation Credit Register

Allocated credit extract

Credit ID: 2020-0958

**Credit owner: Major Road Projects Victoria, as agent for and on behalf of
Head, Transport for Victoria**

Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	0.00
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	0
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	53
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-6-A
Credit type:	Revegetation
Conservation significance:	High
Habitat score:	0.00
Bioregion:	Victorian Volcanic Plain
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Plains Grassy Woodland (0055)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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Credits allocated to:

Planning approval type:	Planning Scheme Amendment
Approval reference:	Amendment C037 of the Ararat and Pyrenees Planning Schemes
Native vegetation removal report:	
Project name:	Western Highway Duplication Project - Stage 2 (Buangor to Ararat)
*Responsible authority:	Minister for Planning

Credits allocated:

Habitat hectares:	5.50
Very large old trees:	0
Large old trees:	60
Medium old trees:	0
Recruits:	0
Date of allocation:	15/12/2020

Credit attributes:

Credit zone identifier:	VC_CFL-3693_01-9-A
Credit type:	Remnant vegetation
Conservation significance:	Very High
Habitat score:	0.65
Bioregion:	Central Victorian Uplands
Ecological Vegetation Class:	Hills Herb-rich Woodland (0071)

Best 50% of Habitat:

Remaining 50% of Habitat:

Locality:	Dobie
Registered Aboriginal Parties	Eastern Maar

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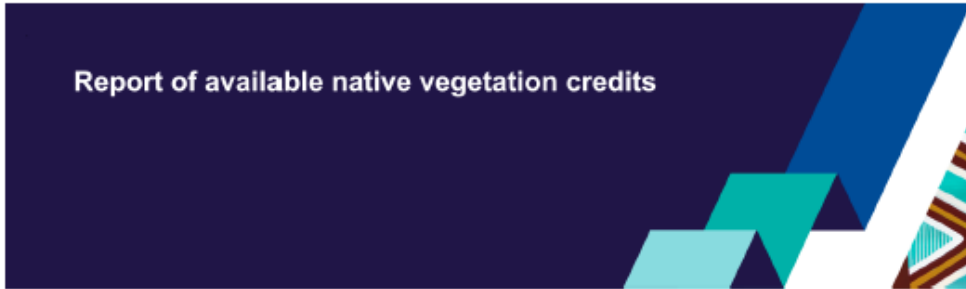
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Appendix C Available Native Vegetation Credits the Guidelines



This report lists native vegetation credits available to purchase through the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

This report is not evidence that an offset has been secured. An offset is only secured when the units have been purchased and allocated to a permit or other approval and an allocated credit extract is provided by the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

Date and time: 21/04/2026 02:33

Report ID: 35172

What was searched for?

General offset

General habitat units	Strategic biodiversity value	Large trees	Vicinity (Catchment Management Authority or Municipal district)	
0.591	0.4188	12	CMA	Glenelg Hopkins
			or LGA	Ararat Rural City

Details of available native vegetation credits on 21 April 2026 02:33

These sites meet your requirements for general offsets.

Credit Site ID	GHU	LT	CMA	LGA	Land owner	Trader	Fixed price	Broker(s)
BBA-3027	1.231	267	Glenelg Hopkins	Pyrenees Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL-3693_01	2.179	588	Glenelg Hopkins	Ararat Rural City	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL-3727_01	12.307	24	Glenelg Hopkins	Ararat Rural City	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL-3763_01	3.246	266	Glenelg Hopkins	Glenelg Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL-3814_01	11.889	517	Glenelg Hopkins	Southern Grampians Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_TFN-C2046_01	6.536	1436	Glenelg Hopkins	Southern Grampians Shire	Yes	Yes	No	Ecocentric, Ethos, VegLink

These sites meet your requirements using alternative arrangements for general offsets.

Credit Site ID	GHU	LT	CMA	LGA	Land owner	Trader	Fixed price	Broker(s)
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There are no sites listed in the Native Vegetation Credit Register that meet your offset requirements when applying the alternative arrangements as listed in section 11.2 of the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.

These potential sites are not yet available, land owners may finalise them once a buyer is confirmed.

Figure 1 Native Vegetation Credits available as of 24 February 2026 21 April 2026

Appendix D DELWP Approval to Vary like-for-like Requirements (May 2018)



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Attention: Denise Montgomery

Dear Mr Powers

WESTERN HIGHWAY DUPLICATION PROJECT 2B – VARIATION TO NATIVE VEGETATION OFFSET CREDITS UNDER *Victoria's native vegetation management: A framework for action*

I refer to your request seeking approval of an offset variation received on 23 May 2018. Your proposal seeks to vary the 'like-for-like' offset requirement associated with the duplication of the Western Highway. The native vegetation removal is required to be offset in accordance with *Victoria's native vegetation management: A framework for action* (Framework).

It is understood that 96 per cent of the required habitat hectares and 790 of the 1,498 large and very large old trees have been (or are being) secured matching the like-for-like requirements. It is also understood that in accordance with the suggested approaches in the *Native vegetation guide for the assessment of referred planning permit applications*, Vicroads has conducted an extensive search for the remaining offset requirement.

DELWP has assessed the proposal to vary the remaining offsets and confirms that the proposed offset variations protect vegetation with a similar Ecological Vegetation Class and provide a similar ecological function to the like-for-like offset required. Your approved variation is to secure:

- 1.15 habitat hectares of very high conservation significance Hills Herb-rich Woodland EVC (in place of 1.15 habitat hectares of very high conservation significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland EVC in the Central Victorian Uplands bioregion)
- 0.29 habitat hectares of very high conservation significance Grassy Woodland EVC (in place of 0.29 habitat hectares of very high conservation significance Heathy Dry Forest EVC) in the Central Victorian Uplands bioregion
- 48 large old trees (LOTs) in very high conservation significance Lowland Forest EVC (in place of 32 very large old trees (VLOTs) in high conservation significance Plains Grassy Woodland EVC) in the Victorian Volcanic Plains bioregion

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- 10 LOTs and 6 VLOTs in the very high conservation significance Low Rises Grassy Woodland EVC providing habitat for the Brush-tailed Phascogale (in place of 16 LOTs in very high conservation significance Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland EVC) in the Central Victorian Uplands bioregion
- 193 LOTs in the very high conservation significance Herb-rich Foothill Forest EVC providing habitat for the Brush-tailed Phascogale (in place of 193 LOTs in very high conservation significance Hills Herb-rich Woodland EVC) in the Central Victorian Uplands bioregion
- 8 LOTs in very high conservation significance Plains Grassy Woodland EVC (in place of 8 LOTs in very high conservation significance Plains Grassland EVC) in the Victorian Volcanic Plains bioregion
- 491 LOTs in very high conservation significance Stony Rises Woodland EVC (in place of 491 LOTs in very high conservation significance Plains Grassy Woodland EVC) in the Victorian Volcanic Plains bioregion.

When the offsets are secured, evidence must be provided to the relevant local council and DELWP's regional Natural Environmental Programs office. Offset evidence may consist of:

- First party offset agreement signed by both parties
- Allocated third party credit extracts

Please contact Native vegetation regulation by email at nativevegetation.support@delwp.vic.gov.au if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix E DELWP Approval to Vary like-for-like Requirements (August 2019)



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Dear Mr Powers

RE: WESTERN HIGHWAY DUPLICATION PROJECT: SECTION 2 (INCLUDING SECTION 2A, BUANGER BYPASS AND SECTION 2B) – REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF NATIVE VEGETATION OFFSET REQUIREMENTS

I refer to your request seeking to vary the like-for-like offset requirement for sections 2A, 2B and Buanger Bypass of the Western Highway Duplication Project. The native vegetation removal is required to be offset in accordance with *Victoria's native vegetation management: A framework for action* (Framework). I understand this request is in addition to the offset variation for section 2B approved on 29 May 2018.

I acknowledge that many of the like-for like-offset requirements have already been identified. You have proposed that the remaining next best option (variation) will be secured from a combination of existing offsets available on the Native Vegetation Offset Register, and a new offset site currently being secured with an offset agreement pursuant to section 69 of the *Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987*.

Major Roads Projects Victoria (MRPV) have provided information that demonstrates that all reasonable options have been explored to secure the remaining like-for-like offset requirements in accordance with the like-for-like offset criteria in the Framework.

The proposal demonstrates that MRPV will secure the next best offset option through identification of ecological vegetation classes (EVCs) within the same bioregion which perform similar ecological functions as the EVCs being removed.

I confirm this offset variation has been accepted on condition:

- the process to secure the next best offsets identified in Table 1 of your offset variation request will commence immediately upon receipt of this approval; and
- once secured, offset evidence is provided to DELWP's Grampians Planning and Approvals.

Please contact Native Vegetation Regulation by email at nativevegetation.support@delwp.vic.gov.au if you have any further questions.

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Dear Mr McGrath

WESTERN HIGHWAY DUPLICATION PROJECT: SECTION 2 (INCLUDING SECTION 2A, BUANGOR BYPASS AND SECTION 2B) – REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF NATIVE VEGETATION OFFSET REQUIREMENTS

Section 2 of the Western Highway Duplication Project, which involves the duplication of the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat comprises three distinct stages of work – Section 2A (Beaufort to Buangor), the Buangor Bypass and Section 2B (Buangor to Ararat). Construction works for Section 2A and the Buangor Bypass were completed in April 2016, and construction works for Section 2B of the Project are due to begin shortly.

In accordance with the approved Incorporated Documents for these project stages, offsets for each are required to be secured under Victoria's *Native Vegetation Management – A Framework for Action (NRE 2002)* (the Framework).

Pursuant to Clause 4.2.A – Staged Projects of the 2010 *Memorandum of Understanding on Native Vegetation Offsets* agreed between the former Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and former Department of Transport (DOT) (DSE-DOT MOU) (see Attachment 1), offsets for staged projects must be initiated within 12 months of vegetation removal for the final stage of the project. Despite that, Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) has endeavoured to source and secure all relevant offsets for Section 2 of the Western Highway Duplication Project ahead of clearing where possible.

After extensive efforts to source the approved offsets for each stage of the project, MRPV has been unable to find offsets that meet the relevant like-for-like criteria in some cases.

These efforts have involved an up to date review and investigation of all potential offset options, including:

- BushBroker and Trust for Nature databases of both registered and unregistered potential offset sites
- VicRoads offset summary and allocation database (spreadsheet)
- Offset sites secured to date, and potential offset sites identified by VicRoads
- Ecology and Heritage Partners (EHP) offset database, including currently protected offset sites and expressions of interest (sites yet to be protected)
- Liaison with other registered native vegetation brokers to review any sites they may have listed as an expression of interest (sites yet to be protected)
- Liaison with leading credit owners, including Cassinia Pty Ltd and Bush Blocks Pty Ltd, who regularly review the potential of privately-owned properties as offset sites
- Aerial photography and modelled extent of Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs) to identify other properties containing remnant vegetation that may fulfil the offset requirements for the project

As such we are writing to you to request approval of the following variations to our native vegetation offset requirements.



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Offset Variation Request – Section 2A and Buangor Bypass

As of May 2019, 97% of the offsets required for the permitted loss of scattered and patch trees and 65% of the offsets required for the permitted loss of remnant native vegetation patches for the Section 2A and Buangor Bypass stages of the Western Highway Duplication Project have been secured (purchased).

As flagged above, despite thorough investigations conducted by MRPV, exact matches for all the outstanding offsets cannot be achieved. However, suitable sites have been identified that are commensurate to the vegetation losses.

Outstanding offsets for Section 2A and the Buangor Bypass and the proposed variations for these requirements are summarised in the table below:

Table 1 Proposed Offset Variations – Section 2A and Buangor Bypass

Bioregion	Offset Requirement	Proposed Variation
Central Victorian Uplands (CVU)	3.25 Hha of VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	3.25 Hha of VHCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary)
	47 LOTs from VHCS Grassy Woodland	32 VLOTs and 15 LOTs in HCS Granitic Hills Woodland in the CVU
	328 LOTs from VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	28 VLOTs and 300 LOTs in VHCS Grassy Dry Forest in the CVU
Victorian Volcanic Plain (VVP)	1.84 Hha of VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	1.84 Hha of VHCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary)
	0.09 Hha of VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland) with habitat for Squirrel Glider	0.09 Hha of VHCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary and maintains and improves habitat for fauna species utilising adjacent Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland by improving connected habitat)
	2.44 Hha of VHCS Creekline Grassy Woodland	2.02 Hha of VHCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland and 0.42 Hha of VHCS Plains Grassy Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary)
	0.87 Hha of VHCS Creekline Grassy Woodland with habitat for Dwarf Galaxias	0.87 Hha of VHCS Plains Grassy Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary and includes a

Bioregion	Offset Requirement	Proposed Variation
		creepline that runs along southern boundary of the site and contains potential habitat for Dwarf Galaxias)
	144 LOTS from VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	144 LOTS in VHCS Hills Herb-rich Forest in the VVP
	64 LOTS from VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland with habitat for Squirrel Glider	64 LOTS in VHCS Lowland Forest in the VVP
	120 LOTS from VHCS Creepline Grassy Woodland	120 LOTS in VHCS Lowland Forest in the VVP
	224 LOTS from VHCS Creepline Grassy Woodland with habitat for Dwarf Galaxias	56 LOTS in VHCS Lowland Forest and 168 LOTS in VHCS Hills Herb-rich Forest in the VVP
	272 LOTS from VHCS Plains Grassy Woodland	73 VLOTS and 28 LOTS in VHCS Stony Rises Woodland in the VVP; 19 VLOTS in HCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary); and 152 LOTS in VHCS Lowland Forest in the VVP
	138 LOTS from HCS Grassy Dry Forest	81 VLOTS and 57 LOTS in HCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary)
	164 VLOTS from HCS Plains Grassy Woodland	168 LOTS in VHCS Lowland Forest and 78 LOTS in VHCS Herb-rich Foothill Forest in the VVP
	4 VLOTS from HCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	6 LOTS in VHCS Lowland Forest in the VVP

Key: Hha – Habitat Hectares; LOTS – Large Old Trees; VLOTS – Very Large Old Trees; HCS – High Conservation Significance; VHCS – Very High Conservation Significance

Details of the identified offset sites relating to these proposed variations and an explanation of how those sites provide a similar or superior ecological and landscape function to the originally required offsets is provided in Table 1 of the *Offset Variation Investigation Report – Section 2A and Buangor Bypass* included as Attachment 2 to this letter. Overall, MRPV believes that the proposed offset sites provide the best fit for approximating the outstanding like-for-like requirements.

Offset Variation Request – Section 2B

A variation to the original offset requirements for Section 2B of the Western Highway Duplication Project was previously granted by DELWP on 29 May 2018 (see Attachment 3). However, finalisation of the design process for this stage of the project and a clearer understanding of the construction impact has resulted in essential amendments to fencing locations and proposed no go zones that have led to several changes to the proposed impacts to native vegetation of the types covered by the variation. As such an additional variation is now required to enable MRPV to source and secure offsets that will as closely as possible satisfy relevant like-for-like requirements.

As of May 2019, 58% of the offsets required for the permitted loss of remnant native vegetation patches for Section 2B of the Western Highway Duplication Project have been secured and purchased. 93% of all tree offsets for this stage of the project have also been secured and purchased.

As flagged above, despite thorough investigations conducted by MRPV, exact matches for all the outstanding offsets cannot be achieved. However, suitable sites have been identified that are commensurate to the vegetation losses.

Outstanding offsets for Section 2B inclusive of the May 2018 variation and the proposed new variations for these requirements are summarised in the table below:

Table 2 Proposed Offset Variations – Section 2B

Bioregion	Offset Requirement (as varied where relevant)	Proposed Variation
Central Victorian Uplands (CVU)	0.27 Hha of VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	0.27 Hha of VHCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary)
	40 LOTS in VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	40 LOTS in VHCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary)
Victorian Volcanic Plain (VVP)	0.59 Hha of VHCS Alluvial Terraces Herb-rich Woodland	0.59 Hha of VHCS Hills Herb-rich Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary)
	0.21 Hha of VHCS Creekline Grassy Woodland with habitat for Dwarf Galaxias	0.21 Hha of VHCS Plains Grassy Woodland in the CVU / VVP (Identified site is bisected by the bioregion boundary and includes a creekline that runs along southern boundary of the site and contains potential habitat for Dwarf Galaxias)
	16 LOTS from VHCS Creekline Grassy Woodland	16 LOTS in VHCS Lowland Forest in the VVP

Bioregion	Offset Requirement (as varied where relevant)	Proposed Variation
	20 VLOTs in HCS Plains Grassy Woodland	30 LOTs in VHCS Lowland Forest in the VVP

Key: HHa – Habitat Hectares; LOTS – Large Old Trees; VLOTs – Very Large Old Trees; HCS – High Conservation Significance; VHCS – Very High Conservation Significance

It is also important to note that these design changes reduced anticipated impacts to trees to the extent that only 99 of the approved 491 LOTs in VHCS Stony Rises Woodland in VVP are now required.

Details of the identified offset sites relating to these proposed variations and an explanation of how those sites provide a similar or superior ecological and landscape function to the originally required offsets is provided in Table 1 of the *Offset Variation Investigation Report – Section 2B* included as Attachment 4 to this letter.

Overall, MRPV believes that the proposed offset sites provide the best fit for approximating the outstanding like-for-like requirements.

Conclusion

We would be grateful if you could consider, as soon as possible, our request that DELWP accept these variations. This approval will enable us to finalise and submit amended secondary approval documents (including a Native Vegetation Offset Management Plan) under the Incorporated Document for Section 2B of the Western Highway Duplication Project to the Secretary to DELWP (or delegate) for approval.

Should you require further information regarding this matter, please contact Peter Cowle, Project Manager – Western Highway Project, on (03) 5309 1073.

Yours sincerely

NIGEL POWERS
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- Attachment 1: DSE/DOT MOU – Native Vegetation Offsets
- Attachment 2: Offset Variation Investigation Report – Section 2A and Buangor Bypass
- Attachment 3: Approved Variation Request – Section 2B (29 May 2018)
- Attachment 4: Offset Variation Investigation Report – Section 2B

Appendix F DEECA Approval to Vary like-for-like Requirements (June 2026)



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Dear Jane

**FRAMEWORK OFFSET REQUIREMENT VARIATION: WESTERN HIGHWAY DUPLICATION
SECTION 2B**

Thank you for your request seeking the next best offset variation to satisfy outstanding legacy offset requirements for Section 2B of the Western Highway Duplication. I understand this project was assessed and approved under *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management – A Framework for Action* (Framework).

Under the Framework, applicants could request a variation to their offset requirement when they had demonstrated that an appropriate like-for-like offset was not available, and a suitable next best option was proposed. VIDA Roads has demonstrated that a like for like offset is not available on the Native Vegetation Offset Register, and that the proposed best option is:

- vegetation or habitat type from the same or an adjacent bioregion; and
- vegetation with similar floristic components, provides habitat for the same key fauna species, or fulfills the same ecological functional role.

With this letter, I provide written approval for VIDA Roads to use the offset variation detailed in your request and summarised in Table 1 to satisfy outstanding legacy offset requirements for Section 2B of the Western Highway Duplication.

Include this letter along with the allocated credit extracts from the Native Vegetation Offset Register when providing offset evidence to the responsible authority.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Biodiversity Compensation and Offset Systems team by email at nativevegetation.support@deeca.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Table 1: Next best offset option

Like for like offset requirement					Next best offset option				
Bioregion	EVC	Quality	Hha	LT	Bioregion	EVC	Quality	Hha	LT
CVU	PGW	Very High	0.640	-	VVP	PGW	Very High	0.640	-
CVU	PGW	Very High	-	40	CVU	GDF	Very High	-	7
					CVU	GF	Very High	-	9
					CVU	GGW	Very High	-	4
					CVU	GW	Very High	-	5
					CVU	HHrW	Very High	-	15
CVU – Central Victorian Uplands Bioregion VVP – Victorian Volcanic Plains Bioregion PGW – Plains Grassy Woodland EVC GDF – Grassy Dry Forest EVC					GF – Grassy Forest EVC GGW – Granitic Grassy Woodland EVC GW – Grassy Woodland EVC HHrW – Herb Hills-rich Woodland				

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Dear Mark

WESTERN HIGHWAY DUPLICATION PROJECT: SECTION 2B BUANGOR TO ARARAT – REQUEST FOR NEXT BEST OFFSET OPTION

Section 2B of the Western Highway Duplication Project (the Project), which involves the duplication of the Western Highway between Buangor and Ararat, is due to start construction works shortly.

In accordance with condition 4.2.5 of the Project’s Incorporated Document, offsets for impacts to native vegetation are to be secured under Victoria’s *Native Vegetation Management – A Framework for Action (NRE 2002)* (the Framework), except as otherwise agreed by the Secretary to DEECA.

A revised design for the upgrade was developed during the preparation of Cultural Heritage Management Plan 17898, following extensive consultation with the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, to avoid and minimise impacts on cultural heritage. This revised design has resulted in differences in impacts to native vegetation (patches, large old trees within remnant patches (LOTs), scattered trees) in addition to impacts to communities and habitats listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Prior to the revised design developed in 2025, VIDA Roads (formerly MRPV) had secured all necessary offsets for impacts to native vegetation as per the Framework. The revised design has resulted in different impacts and the realisation that a small proportion of Plains Grassy Woodland (PGW) had wrongly been attributed to the Victorian Volcanic Plain (VVP) bioregion rather than the Central Victorian Uplands (CVU) bioregion, resulting in a shortfall of 0.640 habitat hectares (HabHa) and 40 LOTs as shown below in Table 1.

Table 1 Native vegetation impacts without allocated offsets

Bioregion	EVC	Conservation Significance	Vegetation				Large Old Trees		
			Habitat Score (PGW5)	Total Losses (Ha)	Total Losses (HabHa)	Net Gain Target (HabHa)	Total Losses	Total to be protected	Total to be Recruited
CVU	PGW	Very High	0.49	0.620	0.322	0.640	5	40	200

CVU = Central Victorian Upland; PGW = Plains Grassy Woodland EVC 55_61

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In accordance with Section 4 of the factsheet *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management – A framework for Action; Addressing legacy offset requirements* (DEECA, N.D.), VIDA Roads have confirmed that no offsets are available to purchase to compensate for the loss of this vegetation.

VIDA Roads has a surplus of Framework offsets available for patches of native vegetation and large old trees that were purchased prior to 2025 and assigned to the Western Highway project. As such we are writing to you to request approval of the following variations to our native vegetation offset requirement in accordance with Section 4 of *Victoria's Native Vegetation Management – A framework for Action; Addressing legacy offset requirements* (DEECA, N.D.). VIDA Roads also note that in accordance with Section 2 of this document, the requirement to offset the recruit component for large old trees is no longer required.

In accordance with the Framework and as allowed under condition 4.2.5 of the Project's Incorporated Document, we provide the following justification for the proposed next best option offsets.

Offset impacts to patches of PGW from within the CVU

The offset proposed to offset impacts to PGW of very high conservation value within the CVU is PGW of very high conservation value from within the Victorian Volcanic Plain (VVP), a neighbouring bioregion. Table 2 demonstrates how the Framework requirements for this proposal have been satisfied.

Table 2 Framework requirements for like-for-like offsets or Next best offset option (Patches)

Framework requirement <small>(as per Table 6 NRE 2002; Section 4 DEECA, N.D)</small>	Response
From the same vegetation/habitat type (i.e., from the same EVC from a different bioregion, with preference given to an adjacent bioregion).	The proposed alternative offsets are from the same EVC (PGW) and from a neighbouring bioregion (VVP).
Perform a similar or more effective ecological function AND land protection function as impacted by the loss	The proposed alternative offsets perform a similar role and land protection function as impacted by the loss. Both the impact and offset site are very high conservation value PGW.
Is of very high conservation significance and the existing vegetation is 90% of the quality in the area being lost	The impact site (PGW 5) has a habitat score of 0.52. The proposed offset sites have a habitat score of 0.63 which is more than 90% of the quality of the area being lost.

Offset impacts to LOTs from PGW within the CVU

The offsets proposed to offset impacts to LOTs from PGW of very high conservation value within the CVU is a combination of LOTs from EVCs within the CVU that perform a similar ecological function within the landscape and have similar floristic component or provide habitat for the same key fauna species. We propose sourcing 25 trees from EVCs Grassy Dry Forest, Grassy Forest and Granitic Grassy Woodland which reflect a similar floristic component or functional role with the remainder to come from Herb Hills-rich Woodland. Table 3 demonstrates how the Framework requirement for this proposal have been satisfied.

Table 3 Framework requirements for like-for-like offsets or Next best offset option (LOTs)

Framework requirement <small>(as per Table 6 NRE 2002; Section 4 DEECA, N.D)</small>	Response
<p>From the same vegetation / habitat type but where from a different EVC within the same bioregion, must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vegetation with similar floristic components, or - Vegetation that provides habitat for the same key fauna species, or - Vegetation that fulfills the same functional role 	<p>The proposed alternative offsets are from the following high conservation value EVCs within the CVU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassy Dry Forest • Grassy Forest • Granitic Grassy Woodland • Grassy Woodland • Herb Hills-rich Woodland <p>The Grassy Dry Forest, Grassy Forest and Granitic Grassy Woodland communities will provide 25 LOTs of very high conservation value as these communities are most similar in function and composition to Plains Grassy Woodland.</p> <p>The remaining 15 LOTs will be provided by Herb Hills-rich Woodland of very high conservation value.</p> <p>The above vegetation communities support similar floristic components to Plains Grassy Woodland such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overstorey of low-medium height Eucalypts • Ground layer typically dominated by grasses and herbs <p>The vegetation communities listed above support habitat for similar key fauna species including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Sun Moth <p>The vegetation communities listed above support a similar functional role within the landscape.</p>
<p>Perform a similar or more effective ecological function AND land protection function as impacted by the loss</p>	<p>The proposed alternative offsets perform a similar role and land protection function as impacted by the loss. Both the impact and offset sites are very high conservation value grassy communities with low-medium height Eucalyptus overstoreys that support an array of fauna, including Golden Sun Moth.</p>
<p>Is of very high conservation significance and the existing vegetation is 90% of the quality in the area being lost</p>	<p>The impact site (PGW 5) has a habitat score of 0.49. The proposed offset sites have a habitat score of 0.46 to 0.65 which is more than 90% of the quality of the area being lost (i.e., 90% of 0.49 = 0.441).</p>

Table 4 below details the specific offsets proposed in Table 2 and Table 3 for patches of native vegetation and large old trees.

Table 4 Proposed Next Best Offset Options

Impact site					Proposed Variation								
Bioregion	EVC	Offset Requirement	Impact site Quality	Habitat Score	Bioregion	EVC	Offset site Quality	Offset Credit ID	Habitat Score	Surplus available			
CVU	PGW	0.640 HabHa	Very High	0.52	VVP	PGW	Very High	VC_CFL-3693_01-12-A	0.63	1.00 HabHa			
								VC_CFL-3693_01-1-A	0.63	0.99 HabHa			
								VC_CFL-3693_01-1-C	0.63	0.36 HabHa			
										VLOT	LOT		
CVU	PGW	40 LOTS	Very High	0.52	CVU	GDF	Very High	TFN_2-C1778-1-C	0.77	2	1		
								TFN-1-C1778-1-D	0.77	1			
								TFN-C1962_2-1-B	0.56		3		
								GF	Very High	TFN_2-C1778-1-D	0.77		9
								GGW	Very High	TFN-C1906-2-G	0.64	4	
								GW	Very High	TFN-C1906-2-A	0.46	5	
										37			
										60			
									Total	12	110		

CVU = Central Victorian Upland; VVP = Victorian Volcanic Plain; PGW = Plains Grassy Woodland EVC 55_61; GDF = Grassy Dry Forest EVC 22; Grassy Forest EVC 128; Granitic Grassy Woodland 175_62; Grassy Woodland EVC 175_61; Hills Herb-rich Woodland EVC 71

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Please see below for the credit statements associated with the proposed offset variation, in addition to the approved Native Vegetation Management Plan approved under Clause 4.2.7 of the Incorporated Document (Table 4, page 10 – PGW with asterisk).

This offset variation will enable VIDA Roads to finalise the Native Vegetation Offset Management Plan (NVOMP) with Louisa Smith's team (DEECA, RECAFP) and recommence construction on this significant project.

Should you require further information regarding this matter, please contact myself or Dr Helen Vickers, Ecology Manager on Helen.Vickers@vida.vic.gov.au or 0487 017 292.

Yours sincerely



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