

19/01/2006  
VC37**SCHEDULE 7 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as ESO7

**WESTERN PLAINS GRASSLAND AND GREY BOX GRASSY WOODLAND****1.0**19/01/2006  
VC37**Statement of environmental significance**

This triangular-shaped grassland located at the northern end of the former Broadmeadows Military site, is a remnant of Western Plains Grassland, dominated by a variety of grasses, including *Themeda triandra* (Kangaroo Grass). It contains a number of species, now rare in the region, which are of state or regional botanical significance.

The site also contains scattered patches of remnant Grey Box Grassy Woodland supported by an understorey of predominantly introduced grasses and graminoids. Smaller populations of indigenous species, such as Kangaroo Grass and Common Tussock Grass, also exist amongst this understorey. The woodland areas are of regional botanical significance.

The site is surrounded by urban development, therefore the maintenance of its durability and biodiversity will depend upon land use management and practices which limit disturbance, and the maximum retention of existing vegetation.

**2.0**19/01/2006  
VC37**Environmental objective to be achieved**

To protect and enhance the diversity, durability, floristic and habitat values of this site of regional and state significance.

**3.0**19/01/2006  
VC37**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to remove native vegetation.

An application to remove native vegetation must indicate:

- The total extent of vegetation on the property and the extent of native vegetation proposed to be cleared.
- The purpose of the proposed clearing and any proposals for revegetation, including proposed species, and ground stabilisation.
- A report by a suitable qualified person which describes the vegetation and habitat significance of the site, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

**4.0**19/01/2006  
VC37**Decision guidelines**

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

- The effect of the proposed removal of native vegetation on the habitat value and long term viability of remnant grasses in the vicinity.
- The significance of the native vegetation area.
- The reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require removal of the native vegetation.

**References**

Assessment of Grasslands, Camp Road, Broadmeadows, Victoria (1996).

Assessment of Remnant Native Vegetation at the Broadmeadows Military Area.