

NORTHERN PLAINS GRASSLAND

Site assessment and management options

Site 60 – McDonalds Rd (South)

Map Sheet (1:25,000)	ECHUCA EAST (7825-1-3)
MGA Reference	Zone 55 306604/5993033
Location	Off Murray Valley Highway approx. 10 km east of Echuca
Tenure	Private
Land Manager	Unknown
Biosite Number	8201
Size	13 ha
Hab/Ha Score	42/100 (No species list available)
EVC	Plains Grassland
Bioregion	Victorian Riverina

Site description

Northern Plains Grassland on private property near railway reserve. May have a history of burning due to close proximity to railway reserve. TFN tried unsuccessfully to covenant the property two years ago prior to the property being sold. New owner has erected a house on the property and will likely clear surrounds for driveway, garden, shedding etc. DSE Benalla have informed DSE Bendigo of new building works as they are the lead group for negotiations with the Shire of Campaspe.

Significant flora and fauna

Buloke *Allocasuarina luehmannii* (d)
Red Swainson-pea *Swainsona plagiotropis* (e),(V)

Threatening Processes

1. Change of land use and potentially different grazing and pasture management practices (fertiliser, herbicide use etc)
2. Clearing for buildings, driveways, fences etc.
3. Weeds and exotic grasses
4. Isolation from other grassland remnants

Management

1. Notify owner of conservation significance of the property
2. Assist landholder via existing incentive schemes, to manage the property for conservation values present
3. Continue to lightly graze property during Autumn-Winter (not when wet)
4. Consult with relevant parties including landholder, DSE Bendigo and Shire of Campaspe staff concerning the potential threats
5. Update the Shire of Campaspe Planning Provisions including mapping information to reflect conservation significance of the property (for any future development)
6. Conduct a detailed flora and fauna survey to better define the values present on site



McDonald Rd – Site 60
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Red Swainson Pea – Site 60
6/11/2005



New house – Site 60
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