

Approved Boundary Change

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Conservation Area 15, Western Growth Corridor

Key points:

- Conservation Area 15 (CA 15) is classified as a Growling Grass Frog conservation area under the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS). The BCS states that boundaries of Growling Grass Frog conservation areas may be varied slightly if necessary to allow for site-specific issues at the precinct structure planning stage.
- The boundary change results in a net loss of 2.049 hectares from the conservation area.
- The boundary changes were deemed necessary in accordance with the MSA Commonwealth approval.
- The boundary changes were approved by the Minister for the Department of the Environment and Energy on 13 July 2017.
- Habitat compensation fees apply to land that is excluded from CA 15.

Summary

The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy allows for changes to be made to conservation areas where they are considered necessary according to the criteria identified in the Guidance Note: Implementing the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors.

DELWP proposed changes to exclude existing buildings and infrastructure on and near the boundary of the conservation area.

Commonwealth Approval

Any change to the boundary of CA 15 that results in a net loss in area requires the approval from the Commonwealth Minister of the Department of the Environment and Energy, as per condition 3 of the September 2013 MSA approval.

The Minister approved for the boundary changes on 13 July 2017.

Table 1: Key information for CA 15.

Conservation area number and location	BCS Conservation Area 15 Western Growth Corridor
Conservation area category	Growling Grass Frog
Precinct name	Kororoit
Council	Melton City Council
Property addresses	Lot 47\LP204422 103 Vere Court, Plumpton Lot 38\LP204422 – 96 Reed Court, Deanside
Were surveys undertaken to inform the proposed boundary change?	No.

Assessment criteria

The boundary changes for CA 15 have been assessed against the criteria in the 'Guidance Note for the

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Biodiversity Conservation Strategy'. The boundary changes are considered necessary as per:

Criteria 1 – the adjustments are necessary to address the following site specific issue:

- to exclude existing buildings or other infrastructure on or near the boundary of a conservation area.

The boundary changes to CA 15 include:

Change 1: Excludes 1.389 hectares of land to remove an occupied dwelling and associated infrastructure.

Change 2: Excludes 0.660 hectares of land to remove an occupied dwelling (state heritage listed), 2 additional state heritage listed buildings and a state heritage listed ruin site (partially within the conservation area).

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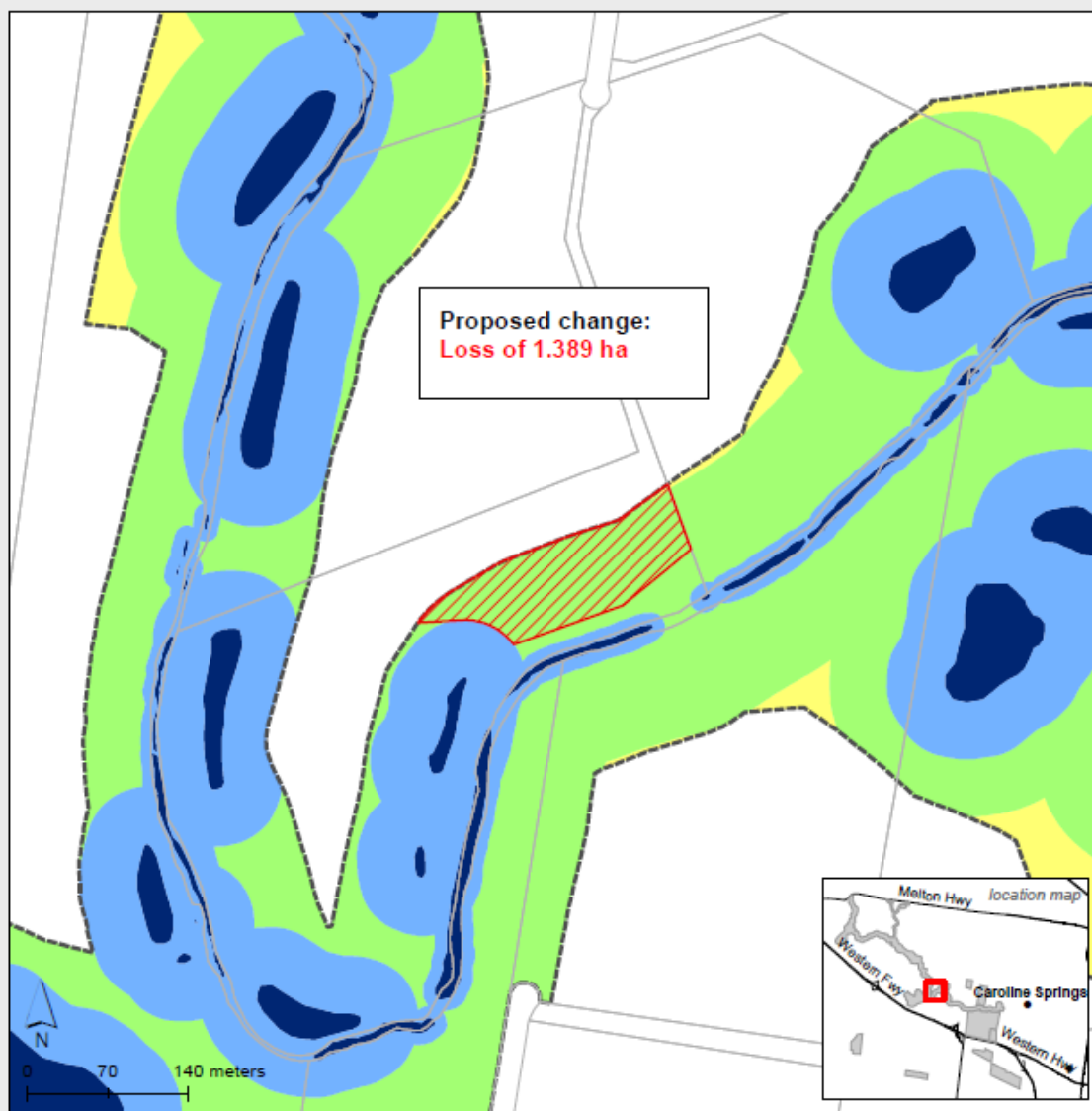
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Change 1



LEGEND

Growsling Grass Frog

- Area of Strategic Importance
- Area of Strategic Importance - Buffer around waterbodies
- Terrestrial habitat buffer to ASI and waterway
- Other terrestrial habitat
- Not suitable for new wetland construction
- Conservation area
- Proposed reduction of GGF area

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Change 2

