

# Notice of Approved Boundary Change

## Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Conservation Area 6

### Conservation Area 6- Deer Park Quarry Grassland, Ravenhall

#### Summary

Conservation area 6 is an existing offset under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* and is identified as an existing offset in the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS). The boundaries of the conservation area identified in the BCS are incorrect and do not match the boundaries specified in an Agreement under section S173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* between Boral Resources Pty Ltd and Melton Shire Council. The existing offset agreement was finalised in 2002 and pre-dates the Melbourne Strategic Assessment (MSA), thus the BCS boundary requires amendment to match the correct offset area. As the boundary change results in a net loss of the conservation area, approval was sought and granted by the Commonwealth Minister.

#### Background Information and relevant commonwealth approvals

Table 1 provides information on the conservation area

Key Information	
Conservation area name and number	BCS Conservation Area 6 – Deer Park Quarry Grassland, Ravenhall
Type of conservation area	Existing offset
Precinct name	Ravenhall (Quarry Site) PSP – Yet to be completed
Council area	Melton City Council
Applicant	DELWP
Landowner/land manager	Private
Property addresses	106-162 Riding Boundary Rd, Ravenhall.
Were new surveys undertaken to inform the proposal?	Not required

Any changes to the boundary of conservation area 6 require the approval of the Commonwealth Minister. The approval conditions relating to this condition are identified in the table below.

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**Table 2** provides information on the commonwealth approval conditions for changes to conservation area boundaries

MSA Commonwealth approval	
<b>Relevant approval</b>	September 2013 (2010 Urban Growth Boundary expansion of the Western Growth corridor)
<b>Relevant approval condition</b>	Condition 4
<b>Is approval required?</b>	Yes
<b>Reason approval is required</b>	Commonwealth approval is required for a net loss of area of the conservation area.

## Boundary Changes and Assessment Criteria

Boral Resources have an existing approval under the EPBC Act, to extend and continue operation of an existing rock quarry (EPBC 2002/862). This offset pre-dates the MSA and the BCS intended to map the boundary of this existing offset. A mapping error was made and a boundary change is required to match the boundaries specified in the Agreement under section S173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* between Boral Resources Pty Ltd and Melton Shire Council (25/7/2005).

**Table 3** provides information on how the boundary change meets the boundary change criteria

Boundary Change Criteria	
<b>Changes to the boundaries of these conservation areas are considered necessary if the adjustment is required to address one or more of the following site specific issues:</b>	
<b>A.</b> It is an area of low biodiversity value for matters of national environmental significance or not required under the MSA Prescriptions	n/a
<b>B.</b> The adjustment is required to address one or more of the following site specific issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ urban infrastructure shown in the Growth Corridor Plans (GAA, 2013);</li> <li>▪ existing or proposed new infrastructure of state significance;</li> <li>▪ urban planning objectives of a precinct structure plan, such as appropriate urban form, roads, bridges, water management and other infrastructure;</li> <li>▪ land made inaccessible as a result of a conservation area;</li> <li>▪ existing buildings or other infrastructure on or near the boundary of a conservation area;</li> <li>▪ final requirements of regional (metropolitan) park planning processes</li> <li>▪ Errors in mapping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conservation Area 6 is an existing offset under the EPBC Act.</li> <li>▪ The boundary change rectifies an error in the BCS, by mapping the correct area of the existing offset.</li> </ul>

## Commonwealth Government Approval

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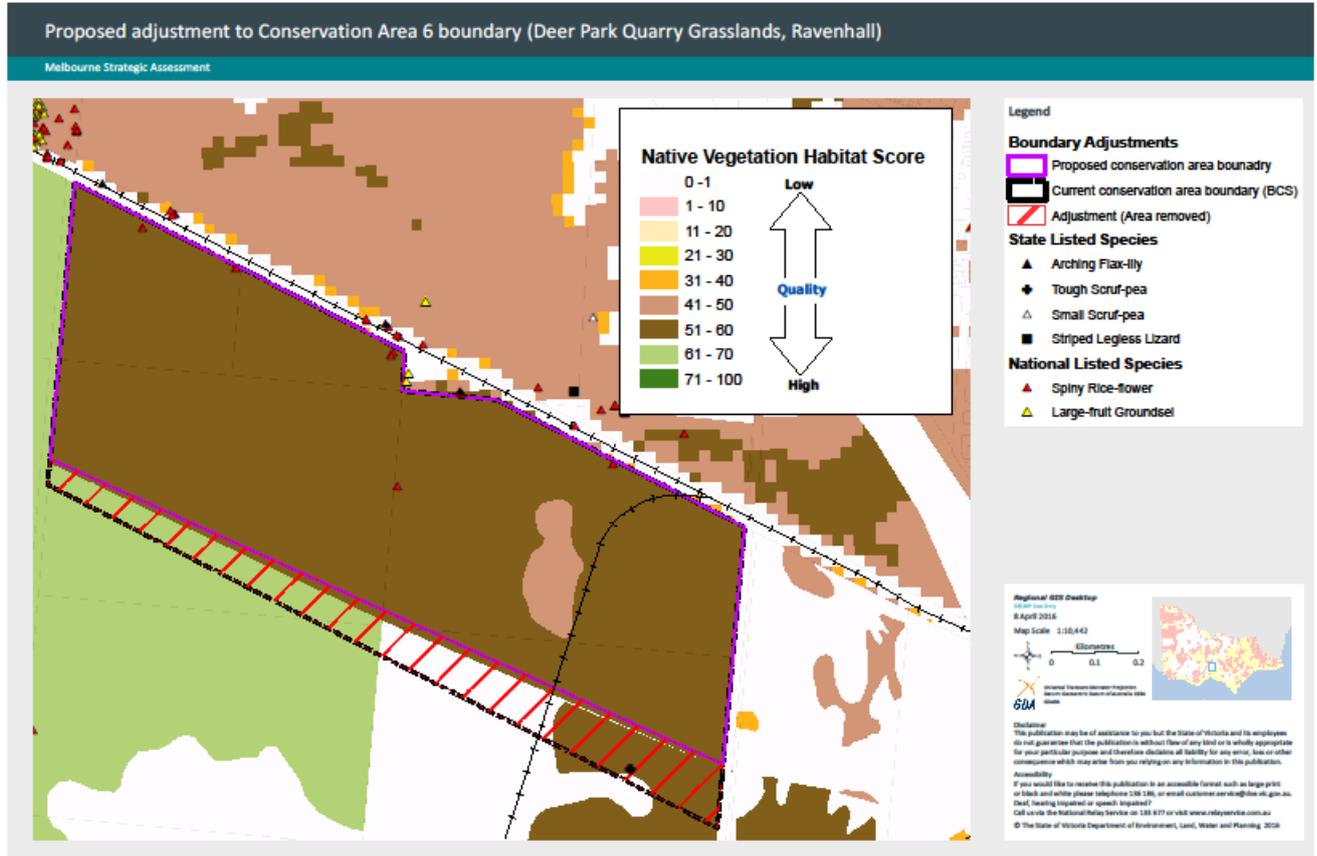
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DELWP is satisfied that a boundary change is required for conservation area 6 to rectify errors to mapping in the BCS. The boundary change meets the boundary change criteria identified in the Guidance note: Implementing the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors and has received approval from the Commonwealth Minister.



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## Appendix 1: Map of proposed boundary change and site values, which has been approved by the Commonwealth



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