20056.   Westerman's Homestead & Environs

Block 39 (part)

District of MOUNT CLEAR

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56.   Westerman's Homestead Precinct, Namadgi National Park [V117][1]

Location
District of Mount Clear, Block 39 (part) as identified in Figure 56 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H56.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place
The place comprises:
- a) the homestead building;
- b) its associated landscape setting, being the area contained within a circle of 250 metres radius centred on the hut; and
- c) the cultural landscape, including exotic plantings and a gravesite, as shown in Figure 56a.

Statement Of Significance
Westerman's Homestead is one of two pastoral homes in Namadgi National Park dating from the early twentieth century. They reflect a way of living, which is no longer, found in this part of the ACT. The Homestead is the oldest surviving weatherboard dwelling in the Park.

The Homestead is closely associated with the nineteenth century pioneering Westerman family of the southern ACT area.

Specific Requirements
In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of the place. These requirements reflect the conservation policy for the place:

The place is to be conserved and appropriately maintained.

It should also be noted that the place is included in Public Land and subject to a Plan of Management.

- **i)   Building including alterations and additions**
    - a) Alterations and additions, including alterations to finishes (such as painting and adding or removing wall claddings), must reflect and complement the architectural style of the original structure.

- **ii)   Demolition**
    - a) Subject to (ii)(b), demolition shall not be permitted other than in exceptional circumstances, including circumstances where the structures are structurally unsound and beyond economic repair, or where there are significant public health and safety reasons to warrant demolition. All prudent and feasible alternatives to demolition will need to have been explored before demolition is considered.
    - b) The demolition of original building fabric may only be permitted in the context of permissible alteration of and/or additions to the existing building.

- **iii)   Gravesite**
    - a) The gravesite shall not be excavated or otherwise disturbed without prior approval.

- **iv)   Landscape**
    - a) The existing landscape setting of the Homestead is to be conserved and appropriately maintained, recognising also the need for attention to natural heritage and nature conservation objectives.
    - b) Structures or other works within the place which conflict with the style and nature of construction of the existing Homestead shall not be permitted within sight of the Homestead.

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[1] [V117: Added to Heritage Places Register Numbers 53 to 59 15/09/1999 (Variation Number 117)]

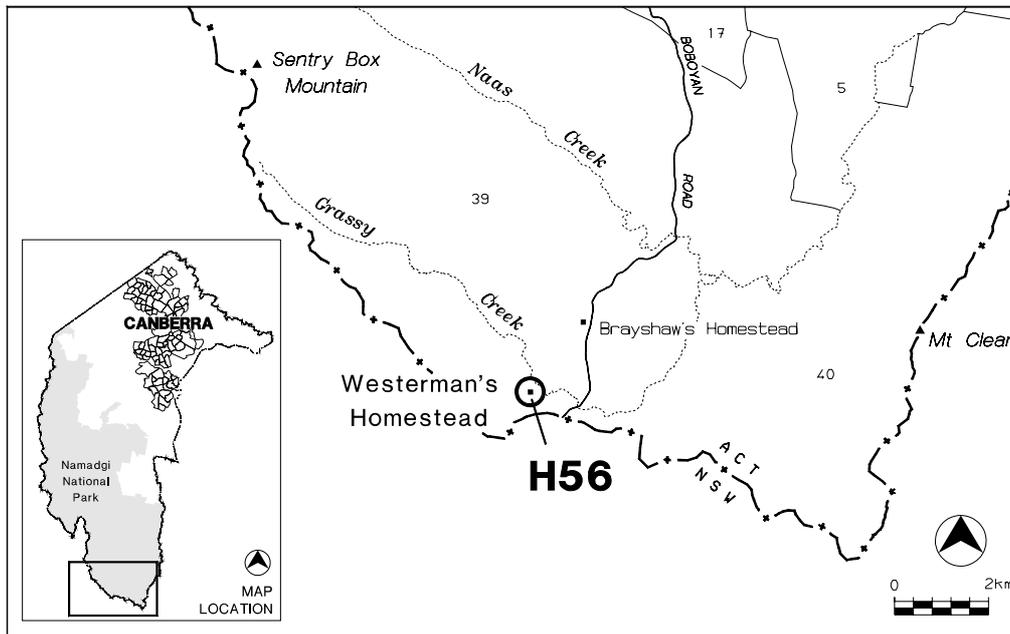## Figure 56: Westerman's Homestead Precinct: Location

Figure 56a: Westerman's Homestead Precinct: Significant Features