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20074. Aranda Snow Gums

Block 1399 (part)

DISTRICT OF BELCONNEN

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INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER**

For the purposes of s. 54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act* 1991, a citation for:

ARANDA SNOW GUMS, DISTRICT OF BELCONNEN

has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council and included in an interim Heritage Places Register. This is pursuant to ACT Heritage Council Resolution No. 45/5 made on 25 May 1998.

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INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER

CITATION

ARANDA SNOW GUMS, DISTRICT OF BELCONNEN

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LOCATION OF PLACE:

Block 1399 (part), District Belconnen, in an area known as Smith's Paddock, bounded by Caswell Drive, William Hovell Drive and Bindubi Street (Refer Fig.1).

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FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE:

The features intrinsic to the heritage significance of the place are:

- a remnant snow gum woodland patch (*Eucalyptus pauciflora* Sieb, ex Spreng subsp. *pauciflora*).
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The place contains an intact frost hollow in which snow gums occur. The frost hollow results from cold air drainage from the surrounding slopes producing very low average annual temperatures and extreme minimum temperatures preventing the establishment of other tree species. In the lower parts of the area trees are replaced by grasslands.

This is the best preserved example of its type in and around the Canberra suburbs and the Canberra Nature Park system. The place defines the edge of the treeless Limestone Plains and the woodland at this location. It demonstrates the transition from the treeless Limestone Plains, through snow gums into the adjacent Yellow box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*) Red gum (*Eucalyptus blakelyi*) Grassy Woodland and then into a bushland dominated by Scribbly gum (*Eucalyptus rossii*) and Red stringybark (*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*).

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SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

In the National Capital Plan, the land which comprises the Aranda snow gums is specified as a Designated Area under the provisions of s.10(1) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*. Section 54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, applies to require and restrict actions that might affect the conservation of the place because of its significance for the heritage of the ACT. In addition, any work carried out in the Precinct is subject to s.12 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*. The following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of the place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

The place is to be conserved and appropriately maintained consistent with its heritage significance and in accordance with a management plan prepared in consultation with and endorsed by the ACT Heritage Council.

Any action affecting the requirements to conserve the heritage significance of this place may be a development under Part VI of the Land Act and requires approval prior to undertaking the activity. To undertake such development without prior approval may constitute an offence. This is in addition to any approval required under s.12 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*. It is advisable to contact ACT Heritage on 207 2163 for advice relating to any activities which may be proposed for this place which affect the specific requirements.

1. Requirements Relating to the Place

1. The removal of trees or mowing of grass on the place shall not to be conducted without prior approval.
2. The ground surface shall not to be disturbed or excavated without prior approval.
3. No action shall be taken which alters the frost hollow conditions present at the place without prior approval.
4. Spraying of exotic vegetation shall not be permitted without prior approval.
5. No planting shall be permitted within the place without prior approval.
6. Burning-off shall not to be conducted without prior approval.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

In assessing this place for the interim Heritage Places Register, the Council recommends that a number of actions and activities should be undertaken which will enhance the heritage values of the place. They are made as recommendations and have no legal effect.

1. A management plan should be prepared in consultation with the ACT Heritage Council to guide the future conservation of the place.
2. Exotic plants should be removed to enhance the educational value and biological integrity of the place.
3. Seed should be collected from the trees.
4. The soil should be appropriately prepared to encourage regeneration and reseeded with seed from the existing trees.
5. Vehicles having a gross vehicle weight exceeding 2 tonnes should not enter the place without prior approval.
6. The place should be fenced with a lockable gate to prevent grazing.

DOCUMENT HISTORY:

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2. 4 October 1997 Draft citation released for public comment.
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5. 25 May 1998 Citation to be considered by the ACT Heritage Council for inclusion in an interim Heritage Places Register.
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