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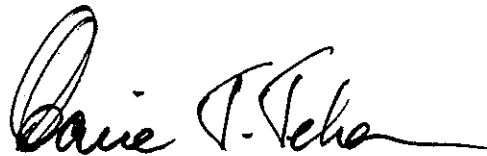
In accordance with the provisions of Section 10(3) of the *Land Conservation Act 1970*, it is recommended to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the attached Notice of Revocation of part of Final Recommendation Q7, Corangamite Area, being the Koroit Racecourse and Recreation Reserve, (allotments 2 and 3 of section 32A, Parish of Yarrpturk), be approved.



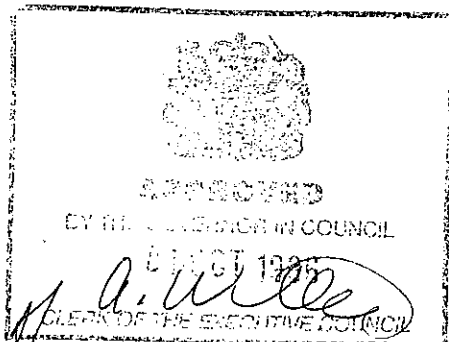
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Recommended for the approval of the Governor in Council.



Marie Tehan
Minister for Conservation
and Land Management



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NOTICE OF REVOCATION

In September 1978 the Land Conservation Council published its Final Recommendations, made under Section 5(1)(a) of the *Land Conservation Act 1970* in respect of public land in the Corangamite Area.

The Governor in Council, acting under Section 10(3) of the Act, approved recommendation Q7 by Order in Council dated 4 December 1979.

In these recommendations, Q7 provides 'that the areas described in schedule II below, and shown on the map be used for grazing and be reserved under section 14 of the *Land Act 1958* and managed by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey with the assistance of local committees of management.'

Now the Governor in Council, under Section 10(3) of the *Land Conservation Act 1970*, gives notice to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment that the Governor in Council by this Order revokes the notice of 4 December 1979 insofar as it applies to the Koroit Racecourse and Recreation Reserve (35ha), being allotments 2 and 3 of section 32A, Parish of Yarpturk.

Dated: 01 OCT 1996

Responsible Minister:

Marie Tehan
Minister for Conservation
and Land Management


Clerk of the Executive Council

REVOCATION OF RECOMMENDATION

PART OF RECOMMENDATION Q7, CORANGAMITE AREA FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Explanatory Memorandum

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The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) has requested consideration of revocation of Corangamite Area Final Recommendation Q7, insofar as it relates to the Koroit Racecourse and Recreation Reserve, (35ha) being allotments 2 and 3 of section 32A, Parish of Yarrpturk.

The proposal would allow for the reserve to be sold to the South West Water Authority for construction of a sewerage scheme to serve the township of Koroit.

BACKGROUND

- * Recommendation Q7 provides 'that the areas described in schedule II below, and shown on the map be used for grazing and be reserved under section 14 of the Land Act 1958 and managed by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey with the assistance of local committees of management.'
- * The request from NRE was considered by the Council which agreed that it would advise the Minister for Conservation and Land Management that the recommendation for the Koroit Racecourse and Recreation Reserve could be revoked subject to suitable arrangements being made for the continued operation of the local aero club and a detailed site survey to identify the possible presence of remnant native grassland and if present, its protection.
- * NRE has since undertaken a flora study of the area and has advised the Council that the site does not support remnant native grasslands.
- * NRE has also advised that efforts will be made to accommodate the model aero club either on the land with the agreement of the South West Water Authority, or on an alternative site.
- * Crown allotments 2 and 3, Section 32A, Parish of Yarrpturk, in the Koroit district, were originally set aside in 1883 as a reserve for racecourse and recreation purposes. The reserve was administered by Committees of Management between 1883 and May 1994. It is subject to the Belfast Planning Scheme and is partly within a Highway zone, and partly within a Rural A zone. It is bounded on all sides by freehold land, and situated approximately 3kms north of the Koroit township.
- * Horse racing has been conducted on the reserve in the past, but the Racecourses Licenses Board officially delicensed the course in 1969. Grazing has been its primary use since the 1930s, although the reserve continued to be available for public sporting activities and has been used by local horse and greyhound trainers.
- * Currently the reserve is little used other than for licensed grazing and use of a small section by the Warrnambool Model Aero Club.

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- * In 1990, the actions of the Committee of Management came under the scrutiny of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for not allowing the Warrnambool Model Aero Club to use part of the reserve. The Committee's appointment was rescinded in May 1994, and the Model Aero Club was granted an annual licence to occupy approximately 0.9ha of the reserve, in the south-east corner.

- * NRE advise that a Crown land assessment process has been undertaken, and that in January 1995 the Department of Finance approved possible sale. In August 1995 the South West Water Authority indicated its interest in purchasing the land for the development of a water treatment and sewerage system for Koroit.

- * The current tenants are aware that the area may be sold. In April 1996, NRE advised the LCC that the tenants and some local residents also have indicated an interest in the land, if it becomes available for sale.

- * There is another recreation reserve serving the Koroit community, located in the township proper. This provides for more formal local recreational use.