



***North Belconnen Landcare  
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Dear Maxine,

The North Belconnen Landcare Group is part of the Ginninderra Catchment Group and operates mainly along Ginninderra Creek within the suburb of Evatt. We have a long history here and have developed an emphasis on native grassland management within our area.

We are concerned that an area of grassland that forms the focus of much of our activity has been removed from the gazette of grasslands with the ACT government apparently due to its size. It used to be designated as BE06 which now appears to denote the Grassland at Lake Ginninderra.

In 1996, 620 square meters of native grassland was fenced off after being identified as Natural Temperate Grassland of high quality. This was the section that had been recognized. It is part of a greater area of 2000 square meters much of which is of equal quality to the fenced off zone. Our group had been thinking that we should have the entire area assessed for inclusion but now find that no part of it is recognised.

We were not informed of this decision and no local knowledge from our group was sought in making it despite our known activity in the area. NBLG has continued to work on this site in the mistaken belief that it still holds some status. Members of the community involved with the group likewise have been told that the grassland is protected. It turns out that this information has been incorrect.

Parts of the area are regularly slashed and seed collected or donated by members has been spread to stabilise slopes and to increase the proportion of natives adjacent to it. See the map sent with this document for some idea of the area in which this work has taken place.

The North Belconnen Landcare Group hopes that this area can be re-included as well as the value of the greater area properly assessed. For our part we will be documenting the species present later in the year and making a photographic record. We do use this site as an educational tool and to illustrate what the original local vegetation was like. This grassland is a resource for the local community that is regularly used.

Yours Sincerely,

Lenore Hodgkinson

Stephen Selden

(Co-convenors, North Belconnen Landcare Group)