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# The Grampians

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## Location

VIC - Property No L10147

## Municipality

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## Level of significance

National

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Grampians comprise a complex of sandstone ranges rising abruptly from the Western Plain. From a distance they are most spectacular with their series of precipitous peaks rising to 1,164m at Mt. William. The area provides some of the most beautiful and diverse habitats for native flora in Victoria with over 1,000 species of ferns and flowering plants, many endemic to the area. A wide range of habitats resulting from the diverse topography, micro-climates and vegetation have provided secure refuges for many wildlife species including a number of rare species.

The Grampians were of considerable significance to the Aborigines of the Western Plains, and evidence of their occupation can be found in cave paintings and axe quarries. These are of immense archaeological interest. The Heatherlie Quarries and their associated stone buildings are also of great interest having been opened to provide stone for a number of public buildings in Melbourne.

As a recreational resource the Grampians are of significance to the whole State. Many forms of recreation are possible in this diverse area.

The area is also the primary source of hardwood timber for North Western Victoria and North Eastern South Australia.

The farming country surrounding the Grampians is enhanced by the spectacular backdrop of the mountain range. Much of it is particularly attractive rural land with fine mature River Red Gums and other trees in paddocks and along roadsides and streamlines.

Note: Classified boundary exceeds the Grampians National Park boundary, and extends from Moyston, west to Balmoral. Includes the Black Range State Park.

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