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# Western Basalt Plains Grasslands

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## Location

VIC - Property No L10026

## Municipality

ARARAT RURAL CITY

## Level of significance

File only

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Western Basalt Plains grasslands are of high significance for both cultural and biological reasons. The community supports a significant number of threatened plant and animal species and is recognised as being one of the most endangered vegetation communities in Australia. High quality remnants are generally of National or State significance for conservation. As the remnant grassland areas occur mainly in areas set aside from European agricultural or urban development they often coincide with pre and post contact historic sites, such as evidence of Aboriginal daily and ceremonial activity, and relics from the pastoral era, such as cemeteries, rail lines and town commons. The grasslands provide brilliant floristic displays in the late spring and year-round their appearance stands in stark contrast to the surrounding paddocks' uniform colours of improved pasture. They provide a tangible reminder of both the impact of European settlement on the natural environment and of the desirable prospect posed by the grasslands to early settlers.

### LOCATION:

Western Plains of Victoria.

Hermes Number 70293

Property Number

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