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10.1. Introduction

This chapter of the *Inverell Development Control Plan 2013* (IDCP) applies to the area shown in **Figure 10.1**, being the vegetation conservation area located within the Inverell Aerodrome (described as Lot 4 DP 1029079, Lot 354 DP 721169 and Lot A DP 385492). This area is to be used to offset the impact of clearing areas of the McKies Stringybark/Blackbutt Open Forest Endangered Ecological Community for purposes such as road construction within other areas of the same ecological community.

10.2. Intent

The intent of this chapter is to:

- Protect an eight hectare area of vegetation located at the Inverell Aerodrome which is part of the McKies Stringybark/Blackbutt Open Forest Endangered Ecological Community;
- Prevent clearing at the site unless it is required by current aerodrome management activities; and
- Ensure any future aerodrome activities or expansion consider the presence of and impact on the McKies Stringybark/Blackbutt Open Forest Endangered Ecological Community.

10.3. Acceptable Solutions

- Activities that must be excluded in this offset area in order to ensure the conservation values of the area are maintained include:
 - Clearing of native vegetation (including trees, shrubs and groundcover) for any purpose other than promoting inherent biodiversity within the existing native vegetation community, providing communication or navigation infrastructure, providing adequate obstacle limitation surfaces, ensuring airport safety or undertaking routine aerodrome management activities;
 - Planting of introduced and non-endemic native trees, shrubs and groundcover;
 - Forestry activities and logging;
 - Grazing of domestic stock;
 - Mowing or slashing of native groundcover;
 - Bush rock removal;
 - Firewood collection;
 - Removal of dead standing and fallen vegetation;
 - Dumping of rubbish; and
 - Any intentional burning outside that authorised under a Bushfire Management Plan.
- Any activity reasonably considered necessary to reduce an imminent risk of serious personal injury or damage to property will be permitted. This will include the removal of native vegetation to provide communication or navigation infrastructure and adequate obstacle limitation surfaces to meet civil aviation standards.
- Intermittent weed control is permitted at the site to improve conservation value. Appropriate measures must be in place to ensure minimal impact on the surrounding native vegetation.
- Development may be permitted subject to the consideration of the presence of the Endangered Ecological Community and demonstration that impacts are within acceptable limits.





Figure 10.1 – Inverell Aerodrome Vegetation Conservation Area

