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## **BLOCK 13, SECTION 9, BARTON ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**

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Block 13, Section 9, Barton has been totally modified in the course of past development and shows no evidence of the natural temperate grassland that is likely to have characterised the site prior to European settlement. The few trees on the site (a mixture of eucalypts, deciduous trees and conifers) have all been planted and are of no particular ecological significance

The closest site of ecological significance is an area of natural temperate grassland on land occupied by the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture and the Anglican Church (St Marks Theological College). This is located on the far side of Blackall Street from Block 13, and is a sufficient distance away not to be affected by further development of Black 13 (e.g. by shading or runoff).

There are no significant wildlife movement corridors passing through Block 13.

In summary, there are no ecological constraints on the development of Block 13, and no apparent opportunities for enhancing existing ecological values as part of such development.