

BushBroker Native Vegetation Offset Scheme, Victoria (Australia)

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Victoria's BushBroker native-vegetation offset scheme (386 sites, 19,000+ ha, since 2006) was independently audited and peer-reviewed in 2024: both found little evidence it achieves 'no net loss', with weak compliance tracking and no detectable added biodiversity benefit.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action \(formerly Department of Sustainability and Environment\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Victorian Auditor-General's Office: Offsetting Native Vegetation Loss on Private Land](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Global Change Biology \(2024\): Evaluating the impact of biodiversity offsetting on native vegetation](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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