

Conservation Covenants

- A guide for buying covenanted land

1. A conservation covenant is a legal agreement between the landowner and Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust designed to protect a special area
2. Landowners on Banks Peninsula choose to voluntarily protect their land. People usually protect land with a conservation covenant to leave a legacy for future generations
3. Land with a conservation covenant has valuable flora and fauna, and special biodiversity features
4. A conservation covenant is registered on the land title, usually in perpetuity, meaning it is binding on current and future landowners
5. A covenant cannot be removed, although management options can be discussed with the Trust
6. The landowner retains ownership and management of the covenant, and continues to hold all property rights although some activities are restricted
7. As with all private property, the public do not have the right to enter your covenant without permission
8. Each covenant agreement is unique so you will need to ensure you understand the individual covenant details. The covenant documents will explain where the covenant is located, what is special about it, what is allowed or is not allowed, and both the landowner's and BPCT's responsibilities
9. A management plan is written for each covenant. This explains the history, biodiversity, any potential threats and ways to deal with them. Upon the sale of a covenant the Trust will review the existing management plan with the new owner
10. It is important to consult with a lawyer before purchasing a property so that you are clear about what you are purchasing, where the boundaries of the covenant are, and what your responsibilities involve
11. If you are considering purchasing a property with a covenant feel free to get in touch with the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Covenants Officer



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