

Abzeco Pty Ltd

Applied Botany, Zoology & Ecological Consulting

Who are we?

Abzeco is an innovative applied botany, zoology and ecological consulting practice providing a wide range of services to developers, municipalities, landholders, conservation agencies and infrastructure providers across Victoria.

We have a proven track record in implementing and managing off-site offsets across Victoria. Our services include the assessment and management of natural resources, vegetation and fauna habitat assessment and hands on restoration works.

Company director, zoologist and botanist, Richard Francis, has over 20 years experience in Victorian, arid-zone New South Wales and tropical Queensland ecosystems. He leads an experienced team which has assessed over 200,000 hectares of land in Victoria.



"We look beyond problems to find opportunities through innovation. Abzeco is solution focussed in resolving planning problems and achieving the best outcome for our clients and the environment." Abzeco Company Director, Richard Francis.

Useful links

DSE Information:

The Framework: <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/land-management/victorias-native-vegetation-management-a-framework-for-action>

Vegetation Assessment Manual: <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/vegetation-quality-assessment-manual>

Revegetation Planting Standards: <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/revegetation-planting-standards>

Vegetation Gain Approach: <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/vegetation-gain-approach>

DSE Guide for Assessing Permit Applications: <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/guide-for-assessment-of-referred-planning-permit-applications>



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Leaders in Offset Brokerage & Management Services

Abzeco is an innovative solutions focused Victorian based botany, zoology and ecological consulting practice with expertise in sourcing offsets for permitted vegetation losses in bioregions across Victoria.

We assist offset seekers and offset providers to make contact and facilitate the process through to approval.

Whether you are a developer requiring an off-site offset or a landowner wanting to maximise the use of your land while maintaining and enhancing **biodiversity values**, Abzeco offers a timely, flexible end-to-end solution including:

- Offset plans
- Net Gain assessments
- Project management
- Revegetation and other ground works
- Negotiation with stakeholders including regulatory authorities
- Development and implementation of 10 Year Offset Management Plans
- Flexible landholder payment options.

For more information:

Call: (03)9431 5444 Email: offsets@abzeco.com.au

Abzeco Offset Brokerage & Land Management Services

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As one of the first Victorian companies to offer offset brokerage and management services for our clients, we have developed a process for meeting offset seeker and landowner's requirements under Victoria's Native Vegetation Management Framework.

Abzeco is currently managing multiple offsets to fulfil permit conditions across Victoria. The company has successful ongoing relationships with a variety of landowners ranging from small hobby farmers to large sheep stations in Western Victoria and companies which own thousands of hectares of native vegetation.

We have the contacts and experience to facilitate a range of successful off-site offset partnerships. We can also assist with the ongoing management offsets achieved on-site.



Meeting Developers Needs

- Abzeco has a proven track record in successfully negotiating and implementing off-site offset arrangements in numerous municipalities, vegetation types and bioregions across Victoria.
- At Abzeco we offer an end-to-end solution from the initial stage of assessing your land, finding a suitable offset partner and finalising an outcome.
- We have developed a legal framework to allow developers to sign over their Net Gain targets to property owners for an agreed amount. This simplified arrangement frees developers from red tape and Abzeco or a landowner takes ongoing responsibility of ensuring the effective management of 10 Year Management Plans and meeting required Net Gain milestone targets.
- Our unique flexible payment plan is attractive to a wide range of small and large landowners, resulting in more options for off-site offsets.
- We can provide a range of services throughout the offset process including site assessments, project management, vegetation management, revegetation and other ground works, and liaison with appropriate authorities and stakeholders.

"When we developed Westlink at Western Highway, Ravenhall, we needed a large net gain offset in a very high significance Plains Grassland. Abzeco found an offset provider with comparable land and has managed the whole process efficiently and within budget. Abzeco's service and experience in all facets of offsets and land management has saved us time and money." Tom Kenessey, Leighton Properties.



Landowner Benefits

- Abzeco offer an end-to-end service including the development and ongoing management of your 10 Year Management Plan.
- We can assess your land for intact remnant vegetation and other key features, calculate the Net Gain per hectare for making on title commitments to management targets and assist in developing an estimate of the commercial value. We will liaise with municipalities and other regulatory authorities to facilitate the offset approvals process.
- At Abzeco we are committed to ensuring you are compensated and profit from allowing your land to become an offset. We work within a legal framework that provides flexibility in payment for ongoing revegetation and other on ground works to meet the requirements of your 10 Year Management Plan.
- We can also offer you services to ensure all the requirements of your 10 Year Management Plan are met by overseeing, assisting you and/or implementing the plan by undertaking the on ground works.
- Developers requiring offsets are usually building in areas where **sensitive ecosystems** are present. To gain an understanding of the species and habitats which are desirable for offsets, see our checklist: www.abzeco.com.au/offsets. If you have ticked any of the boxes on this list, give us a call on 9431 5444 to discuss how we can help you gain the maximum benefit from a land offset.

"It was my long term personal goal to restore the bush on my land. Abzeco helped me find an offset seeker and is managing the finances needed to restore and maintain vegetation on my property through a Trust. Abzeco offered an end to end solution which helped me achieve my goals in a simple and efficient way." Sam Cox, Landscape Designer, Landowner and offset provider.