Moreton Bay Regional Council recognises the value of partnership arrangements with the community to protect and manage our natural assets and to create a sense of community and identity for residents, business and visitors.

What is the purpose of Voluntary Conservation Agreements (VCA)?
VCA are seen as important for:
• The large areas of land of ecological value not protected on public estates;
• Protection of significant habitat in perpetuity;
• Recognising the current efforts of landowners conserving native habitat; and
• Motivating, assisting and supporting landowner involvement.

As the name suggests, a VCA is an entirely voluntary, joint contract between the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the landowner, outlining those land management activities which are permitted and restricted and any financial arrangements that may be involved.

The Moreton Bay Regional Council’s VCA Program provides the basis for the protection and effective management of bushland or other wildlife habitat outside Council owned or controlled parks or other public reserves.

Private Landowners’ commitments
Moreton Bay Regional Council has many significant native flora and fauna species and communities located within private lands which make a considerable contribution to the integrity and diversity of the Region’s vegetation.

By entering into conservation agreements, Council assists in the long term protection and management of privately owned areas of high natural and cultural value throughout the Region. Bushland, natural features and wildlife corridors can be protected and enhanced with a management commitment from the landowner.

Will a VCA affect my ownership?
Under all VCA’s, ownership remains with the landowner.

In most cases only a portion of the property is bound by the provisions of Voluntary Conservation Agreement and Covenant. The defined area or portion of the property is included in a Covenant and Voluntary Conservation Agreement and protects the land in perpetuity. The Covenant is binding on the title of the land and will remain on the title of the land, even if the property is sold. This is how the defined area is protected in perpetuity.

Will an Agreement allow public access to my land?
No, an Agreement does not grant any public right of access.

Interested?
If you are a landowner interested in participating in the VCA program, please send an expression of interest letter to Moreton Bay Regional Council at the address below, outlining your name; address; contact number; email; bushland area (ha) and quality of land. One of Council’s Environmental Officers will arrange to meet with you and discuss the program and related incentives with you.

Mail to:
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Moreton Bay Regional Council
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