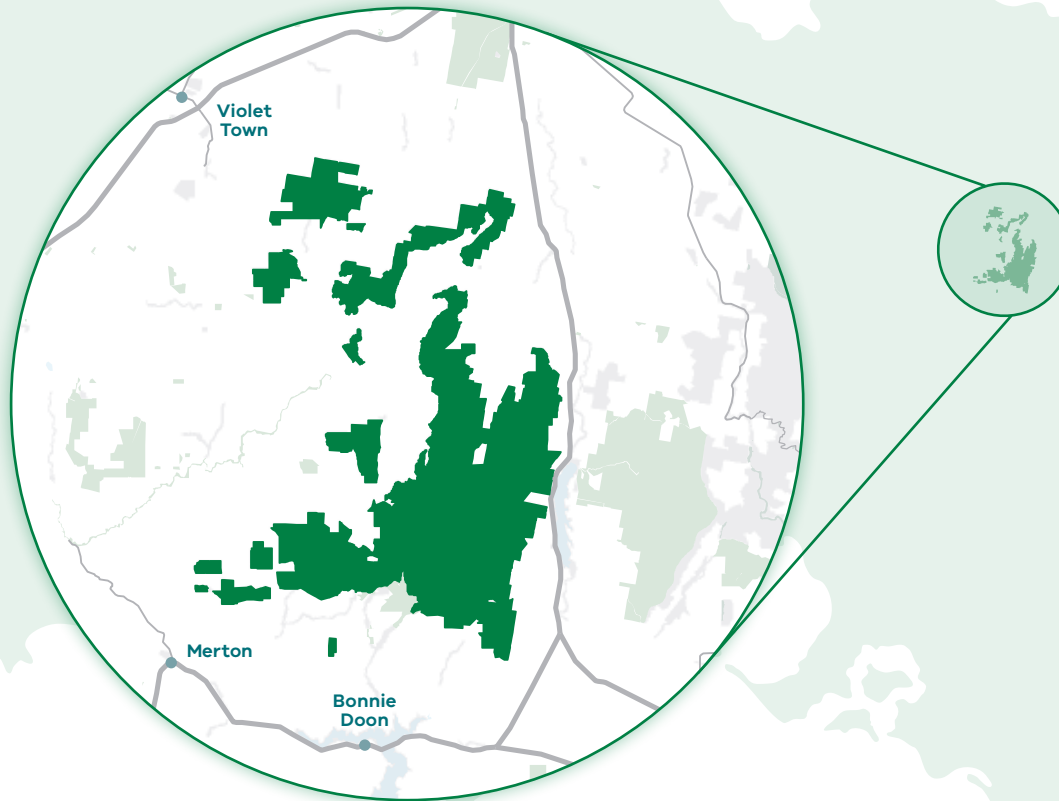




The Victorian Government is immediately protecting more than **96,000 hectares** of high conservation value forest from commercial timber harvesting in Immediate Protection Areas. This is in addition to existing protections and brings the total area of forest protected in Immediate Protection Areas to more than **146,000 hectares**. The creation of these Immediate Protection Areas – in the **Strathbogie Ranges, Central Highlands, Mirboo North and East Gippsland** – is the first step in phasing out harvesting in all native forests on public land by 2030.

Strathbogie Ranges



Key highlights



Traditional Owner partnerships: Taungurung Land and Waters Council.



Supports habitat for key species including one of the most abundant populations of Southern Greater Glider in Victoria as well as the Powerful Owl, Murray Spiny Crayfish and Brush-tailed Phascogale.



Plant species including centuries old trees, the listed Lima Stringybark and Tall Leafy Greenhood orchid.



Includes the existing popular recreation areas. Rocky Ned Lookout, James Reserve, Tallangalook Road Picnic Area, Goldworthys, Ruoks and Lima East.



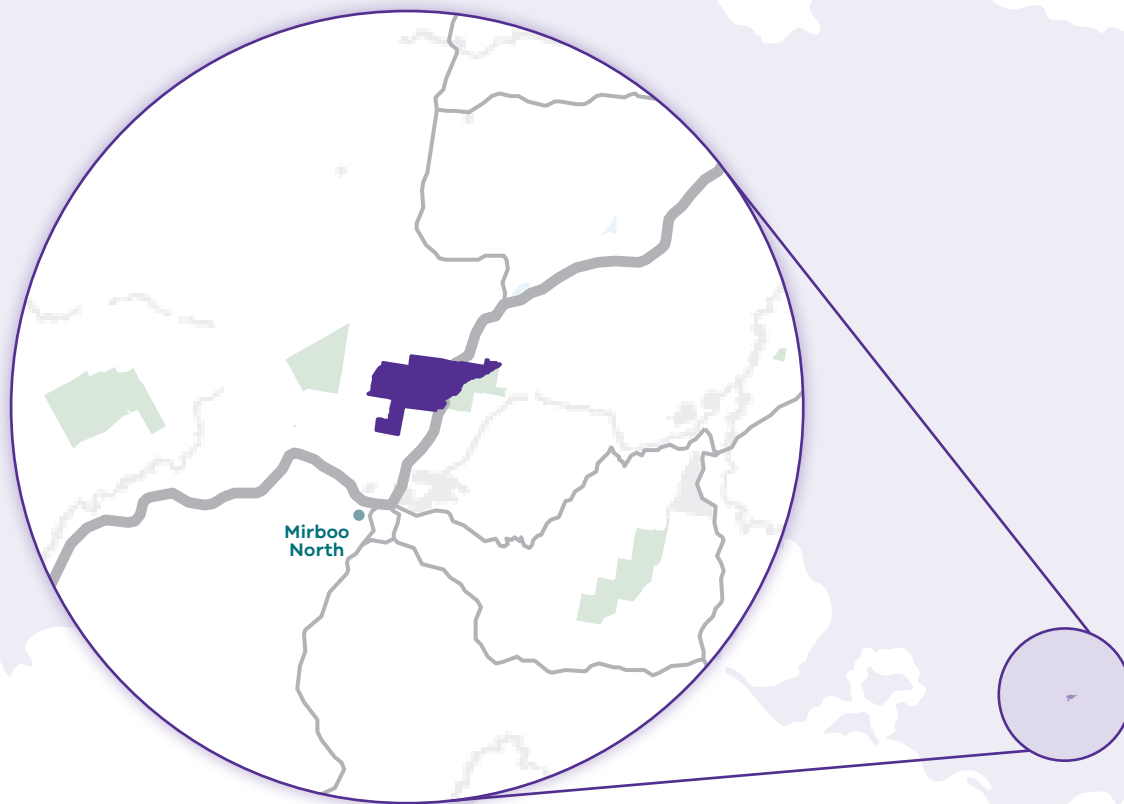
Extends connectivity of protected forest areas including the adjacent Mt Samaria State Forest, Boho Bushland Reserve, Murraweeny Bushland Reserve, Reef Hills State Park and Mount Wombat-Garden Range Flora and Fauna Reserve, Tallangalook-Dry Creek Historic Area, and the Sevens Creek Wildlife Reserve.

Immediate Protection Areas in Strathbogie Ranges

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Strathbogie Ranges Immediate Protection Areas are **120km north east of Melbourne, east of the Hume Hwy at Euora**. The Strathbogie Ranges Immediate Protection Areas are approximately **23,000 hectares (ha)** in total, combining 5,000 ha of existing protected State Forest (Special Protection Zone) and 18,000 ha of new protections. It comprises the entire **Strathbogie State Forest**, including areas around Strathbogie South, Tallangalook, Warrenbayne, Marraweeney, Boho, Lima and Lima East.

Mirboo North



Key highlights



Traditional Owner partnerships: Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation.



Supports many local recreation activities and is nearby to the Lyrebird Forest Walk and the popular tourist route, The Grand Ridge Trail.



Supports habitat for key species including the Greater Glider, Powerful Owl and Narracan Burrowing Crayfish.



Provides connectivity for protected forest with adjoining Mirboo North Regional Park.



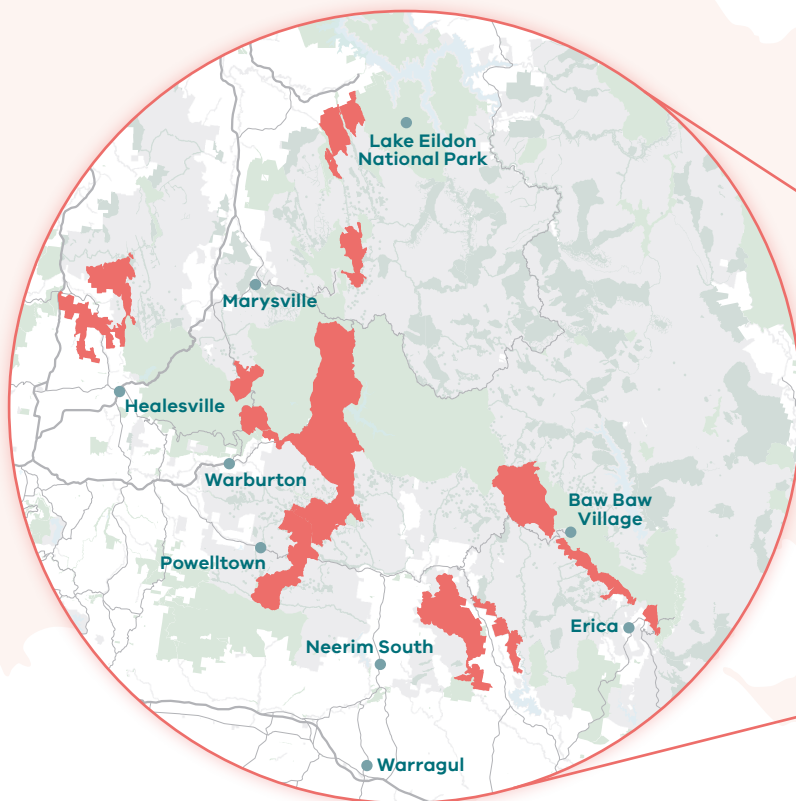
Significant number of plants recorded including examples of endangered damp forest and warm temperate rainforest vegetation communities.

Immediate Protection Areas in Mirboo North

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The Mirboo North Immediate Protection Areas comprise areas of **Strzelecki Darlimurla Block State Forest**. Located north of the Mirboo North township, it lies approximately **130km south east of Melbourne in the Strzelecki Ranges**. It is approximately **420 hectares (ha)** in total, combining 240 ha of existing protected State forest (Special Protection Zone) and 180 ha of new protections.

Central Highlands



Key highlights



Traditional Owner partnerships: Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, Taungurung Land and Waters Council, Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.



Includes a number of established visitor sites including the Ada Tree Walk, Seven Acre Rock Picnic Area and Thompson Bridge Campsite.



Expands protection for forest areas adjoining parks and reserves, providing connectivity through the landscape including for Yarra Ranges and Baw Baw National Parks.



Supports habitat for the endangered Leadbeater's Possum and threatened Southern Greater Glider.



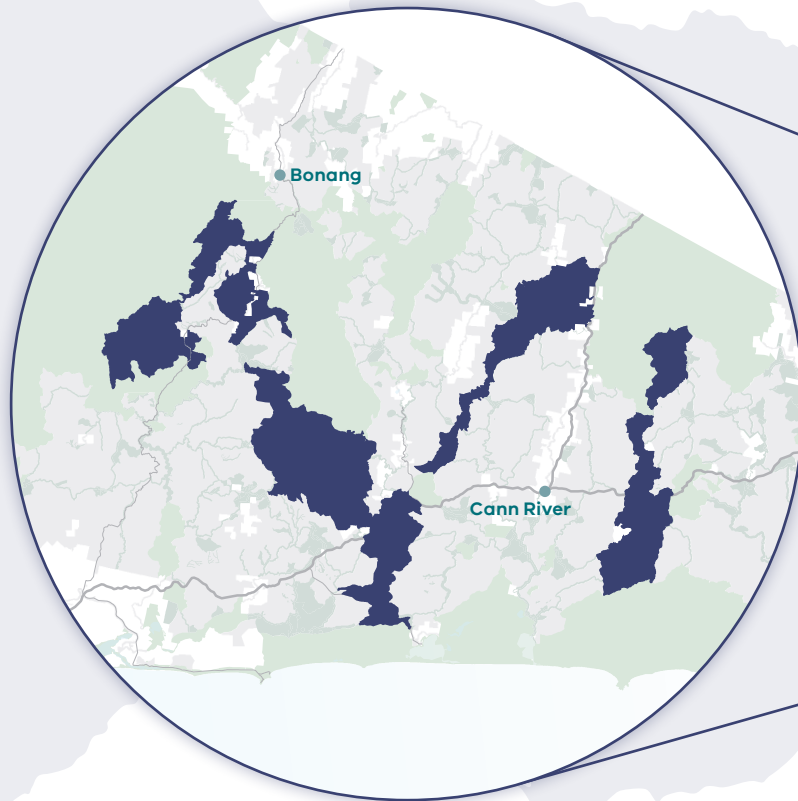
Supports key damp forest and wet forest vegetation communities.

Immediate Protection Areas in Central Highlands

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Central Highlands Immediate Protection Areas are **50-100km east of Melbourne**. The Central Highlands Immediate Protection Areas are approximately **52,000 hectares (ha)** in total, combining 22,000 ha of existing protected State forest (Special Protection Zone) and 30,000 ha of new protections. It comprises areas of Rubicon, Big River, Marysville, Yarra, Latrobe, Paul Range, Toolangi, Tanjil, Erica and Neerim State Forests.

East Gippsland



Key highlights



Traditional Owners with interests in this area.



Protects forest areas that are recovering from significant bushfires from salvage harvesting.



Supports regional economic development initiatives such as the Sea to Summit Walk election commitment.



Provides connectivity between existing parks and reserves, establishing links between the mountain and coastal landscapes. This includes areas of Snowy River, Errinundra, Coopracambra, and Croajingolong National Parks.

Immediate Protection Areas in East Gippsland

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East Gippsland Immediate Protection Areas are located approximately **300km east of Melbourne**. The East Gippsland IPAs are **72,000 hectares (ha)** in total, combining 23,000 ha of existing protected State forest (Special Protection Zone) and 49,000 ha of new protections. The Immediate Protection Areas cover four main areas, extending down from higher mountain forests of Errinundra and Kuark towards the coast, adjoining Croajingolong and Cape Conran. It includes areas of Bonang, Yalmy, Murrungower, Club Terrace, Bemm, Cann Valley, Buldah, Drummer, Tamboon and Wingan State Forests.