

Appendix 2: Survey Questions

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The Victorian Government in partnership with Traditional Owners is embarking on a major program to reform our forest management and guide the modernisation of the Victorian Regional Forest Agreements.

Victoria's public forests are valuable in their own right and are important to the community. The connection that Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities' have with Country is core to their culture and wellbeing. Forests provide Victorian communities with a broad range of uses and values that include clean water and air, grand old trees, biodiversity conservation, recreation and connection with nature, and jobs and economic opportunities.

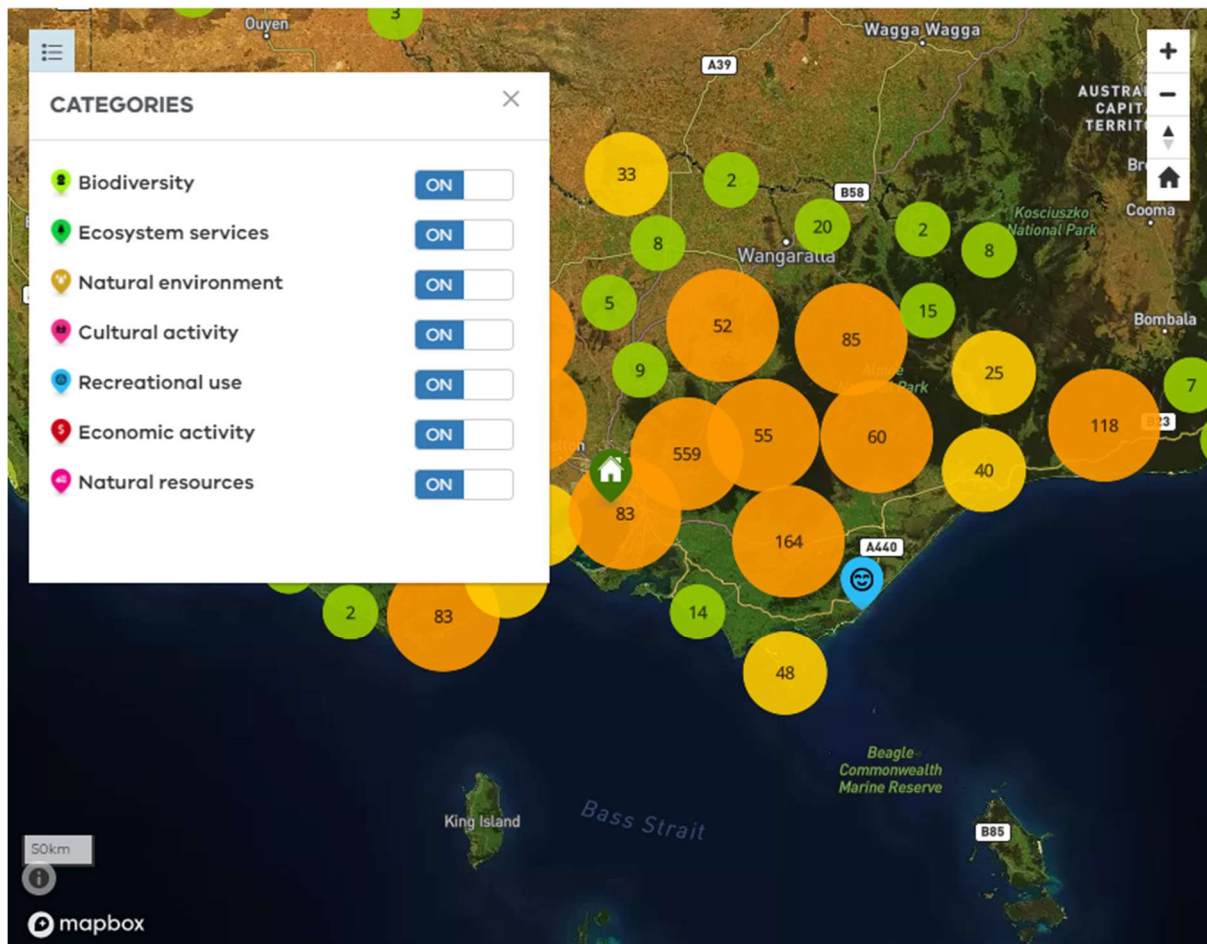
We need to manage our forests for the multiple values they provide so future generations can enjoy and use forests as we do today. The community is key to shaping the future management and use of our forests because public forests are for the community.

You are invited to answer this survey to provide your views on how forest management can be improved, and what you would like from forests into the future.

For more information on the context, history and process visit: <https://www2.delwp.vic.gov.au/futureforests>

Map Question. **Tell us what you love about our forests and why.**

Click 'Add Marker' and drag and drop a pin showing us the forest(s) you use, enjoy or care about; then tag a category and tell us why it's so important to you: biodiversity, natural environment, cultural activity, recreation, economic benefit or the natural resources our forests produce. You can drop more than one pin.



Question 1. **How can we protect and improve our forests for all Victorians?**

Please write your response.

Question 2. What benefits do you want future generations to gain or enjoy from Victoria's forests?

Please write your response

Question 3. Write your vision inspired by an image below.

Choose one or more of the images below which represent your vision for the future of our forests; and then, inspired by the image(s), please write your vision in words.



Question 4. **What should our forests be managed for?**

Please rank in order of priority.

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Question 5. What are we currently doing well, regarding forest management in Victoria?

Please tick all relevant boxes.

- ☐ Providing access and facilities for activities you enjoy
- ☐ Protection of traditional and/or cultural heritage
- ☐ Protection of our flora and fauna
- ☐ Emphasis on jobs, income and economic benefits
- ☐ Managing bushfire risk and/or fuel loads
- ☐ Maximising opportunities to use the resources our forests produce
- ☐ Providing Victorian communities with an opportunity to have their say
- ☐ Being adaptive to a changing environment, climate and major bushfires
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Question 6. What concerns you most about the way we are currently managing our forests?

Please rank in order of priority.

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Question 7. What could be done to alleviate your concerns and improve the things you most value about our forests?

Please tick all relevant boxes.

- ☐ Stronger focus on biodiversity conservation
- ☐ Stronger focus on the health and structure of our forests
- ☐ Stronger focus on reducing risk of bushfire
- ☐ Improved protection of ecosystem services
- ☐ More or different opportunities for people to appreciate and connect with nature
- ☐ Prioritising traditional, heritage and/or cultural values and activities
- ☐ More or different opportunities for recreational use and/or tourism activities
- ☐ More or different opportunities for jobs, income and economic benefits from timber and wood products
- ☐ More or different opportunities for jobs, income and economic benefits from non-timber forest industries such as tourism and beekeeping
- ☐ Increased opportunities for Traditional Owners to manage our forests
- ☐ Improving opportunities to access the natural resources our forests produce such as firewood
- ☐ Victorian communities having more say regarding forest management
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Question 8. How do you see your role in future forest management?

Please type your response.

Gender

Please tick relevant response.

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other identity

Age Group

Please tick relevant response.

- ☐ Under 9
- ☐ 10-14
- ☐ 15-19
- ☐ 20-24
- ☐ 25-29
- ☐ 30-34
- ☐ 35-39
- ☐ 40-44
- ☐ 45-49
- ☐ 50-54
- ☐ 55-59
- ☐ 60-64
- ☐ 65-69
- ☐ 70-74
- ☐ 75-79
- ☐ 80-84
- ☐ 85 and over

Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Please tick the boxes as appropriate.

- ☐ Aboriginal
- ☐ Torres Strait Islander

If you would like to stay informed of future consultations, please provide your email address

- ☐ I agree to the privacy statement (see below) Required.
- ☐ I do not want my submission published or content directly quoted in the DELWP response report.

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