



BIODIVERSITY THEME

Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy 2021-27

CURRENT SITUATION IN 2021

Why we need to take action

CATCHMENT CONDITION

CONDITION



Poor

TREND



Declining

LONG-TERM RISK



Very High

CATCHMENT DRIVERS AND TRENDS

- Vegetation clearing.
- Climate change.
- Increasing nature-based tourism and recreation.
- Changing relationship with nature.
- Pest plants and animals, and overabundant native animals.

CRITICAL ATTRIBUTES

The key areas we need to focus on to improve the current situation

- Native vegetation extent
- Native vegetation quality
- Landscape context
- Threatened species

PRIORITY LANDSCAPES AND THREATENED SPECIES HABITATS

Priority landscapes have been identified at the national, state and catchment scale to help direct investment and actions on-ground for maximum benefit. Links to further details and interactive maps are included in the strategy.

Threatened species have been identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

MEDIUM-TERM OUTCOMES

What we'll do by 2027

- Native vegetation extended to at least 10% in priority landscapes and threatened species habitats.
- Reduce losses to native vegetation extent through improved native vegetation enforcement controls and education.
- Increase the diversity of native species and habitat structures in 20% of remnant and revegetation sites >5 Ha in priority landscapes and threatened species habitat.
- Improve the quality of 50% of remnants >5 Ha,
- Reduce populations of pest herbivores and predators by 20% in priority landscapes and threatened species habitat.
- Priority weeds are removed from 50% of remnants >5 Ha in priority landscapes and threatened species habitat.
- Increase the area and diversity of native vegetation communities in the reserve system by 5,000 Ha.
- Native vegetation provides linkages to allow the movement of species across and in 40% of priority landscapes.
- No new species are added to the threatened species list and directly managed threatened species show an increase in numbers.
- A further 10,000 Ha will be managed for improved habitat for threatened species and fauna communities.
- Contribute to Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037 targets in the Goulburn Broken Catchment.

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE IN 2040

Our goals

VISION

Biodiversity is valued, resilient and flourishing.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

1. Native vegetation extended by 10-30% in priority landscapes and threatened species habitats.
2. Increase the diversity of species and habitat structures in 50% of priority landscapes to improve vegetation quality and native fauna populations.
3. Increase the area and diversity of vegetation communities permanently protected by 15,000 Ha.
4. Native vegetation provides linkages to allow the movement of species across and in 100% of priority landscapes.
5. Ten percent of 2021 threatened species and fauna communities are removed from the State's threatened species and communities list (*Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act*).