

# Vic Catchments Communiqué

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Dr Peter Veenker with Deputy Chair Vic Catchments, Sharyon Peart (left) and the Minister for Environment, Lily D'Ambrosio, at the announcement of the Biodiversity Response Planning projects.

## *Implementing the government's biodiversity response plan*

Eighty-five new projects for on-ground biodiversity action worth \$33.67 million, and four new projects for Marine Environment Targeted Action worth \$1.1 million have been announced for funding through Biodiversity Response Planning. Funded projects will

be delivered over three years, commencing in 2018-2019 through to 2021. The proposed package of projects was assessed on their ability to maximise net outcomes for biodiversity and make progress towards the state-wide targets associated with the Biodiversity 2037 goal of 'Victoria's natural environment is healthy'. \$9.6m of funding will be delivered through the CMAs and extra funded projects

## *Message from the Vic Catchments Chair*



The Victorian CMAs are dedicated to implementing government funded programs as efficiently and as effectively as possible. We have a collective commitment to do so in implementing programs such as Our Catchments Our Communities, Water for Victoria and the Biodiversity Response Planning as highlighted to the left. We are also in final negotiations with the Australian Government in rolling out the National Landcare Program 2.

Partnerships are critical for the effective roll out of these programs and we are pleased to see our partnership with Landcare is particularly strong and healthy.

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will be delivered through partnering bodies of the CMAs.

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## Forging better partnerships with Landcare

Vic Catchments met with Landcare Victoria (LVI) and Agriculture Victoria senior representatives in August. Dry seasonal planning aspects was the main topic of the day. In a recent statement LVI announced “*LVI encourages a strategic approach to natural resource management (NRM) matters and strongly endorses the current 10 region Catchment Management Authority (CMA) approach to NRM planning and program delivery. LVI considers the CMA model appropriate for sound project investment and undertaking capacity building and believes the bio regions model utilised*

*in the Victorian biodiversity plan should be integrated regionally through the CMA model.”*

The CMAs will continue to work proactively with all Landcare groups.

## Vic Roads Workplan

Each CMA has identified catchment-wide priority areas for revegetation and other environmental works. A partnership approach with Vic Roads has been developed to provide for a strategic delivery of offsets. The CMA CEOs recently approved a joint workplan with Vic Roads that include:

- improving habitat elements:
  - (i) use of felled timber in a co-ordinated provision of snags for use in priority waterways and to enhance riverine remnant vegetation,
  - (ii) erection of nest boxes along appropriate roadsides

(ideally prior to any removal works), and

(iii) building rope bridges across freeways.

- revegetation and rehabilitation works to discourage and manage all weed species, especially after road construction and associated soil disturbance and
- supporting local erosion control works using structures and/or native vegetation.

## Future Vic Catchments Forum Meetings

30 November 2018

22 February 2019

31 May 2019

30 August 2019

29 November 2019

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