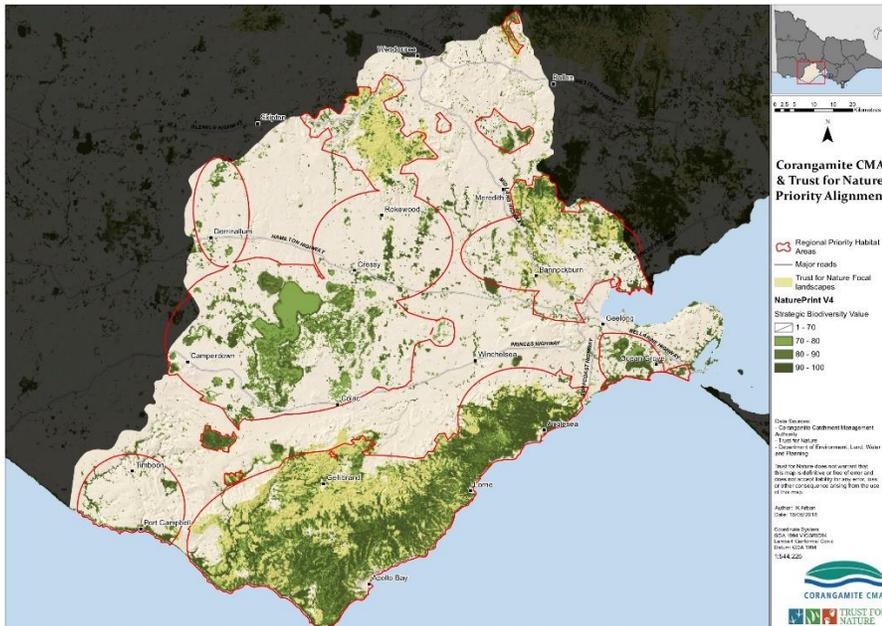


# Vic Catchments Communiqué

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## Alignment project between the Victorian CMAs and Trust for Nature



One example of the priority alignment mapping project, the output above between Corangamite CMA and Trust for Nature.

## Partnership with Trust for Nature creates new opportunities

The ten CMAs initiated a project jointly with Trust for Nature to investigate aligning respective priorities in map form. These maps will create opportunities for future investment in a strategically aligned and prioritised manner.

This project, while being cognisant of the Victorian Government's biodiversity policy directions as outlined in Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, focuses on the Trust for Nature and CMA relationship by comparing the stated priorities of the two sectors.

The CMAs will consider undertaking a detailed analysis of the maps to identify opportunities for

## Message from the Vic Catchments Chair



In showcasing Victoria's integrated catchment management framework it is critical to forge successful and ongoing partnerships.

In this edition we have highlighted important partnership work with Trust for Nature, Greening Australia and Odonata, a private investment company.

These partnerships help develop opportunities for new and innovative program delivery, and thereby extending and adding value to government investment.

Dr Peter Veenker

private and public investment.

## *Exciting opportunities with private investment*

Nigel Sharp, together with Sam Marwood, gave an insightful and inspiring presentation on the work that Odonata is undertaking with the aid of corporate and philanthropic funding. A number of properties have been acquired to invest in works to protect threatened species, apply new management practices to drive sustainable and profitable agriculture, as well as involve communities of interest. Over 16,000 ha of private land in Victoria is under active investment and management, with other properties established in NSW, Qld, Tasmania and Western Australia.

CMA's will present a range of potential sites for 'wildlife banks' (exemplar farms).

Odonata will work with the Victorian CMA's to develop a strategy for how investment can be facilitated to help deliver Regional Catchment Strategies.

## *Our Catchments Our Communities summit*

A number of CMA chairs, board members, staff and representatives from partner organisations attended the June Our Catchments Our Communities Summit held in Geelong.

A number of presentations highlighted integrated catchment management programs being delivered across the state. There was clear evidence of working proactively with Traditional Owners and community partnerships.

## *Partnerships update*

Peter Veenker and Sharyon Peart Cahir and Deputy Chair Vic Catchments recently met with Tony Wright, the Executive Officer with VicWater. Discussions included greater cooperation between the CMA's and water authorities, the use of technology and driving business efficiencies.

Dave Brennan (CEO Wimmera CMA) and John

Riddiford, Executive Officer Vic Catchments recently met with Vic Marles CEO Trust for Nature and Brendan Foran CEO of Greening Australia. The purpose of the meeting was to consolidate partnership arrangements, scope opportunities from the alignment project specified above, and the use of new technologies in program delivery.

## *The 2018 Vic Catchments Forum Meetings*

31 August 2018

30 November 2018

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