



## East Gippsland Draft Vegetation Plan Released

A new draft plan for the management of vegetation in the hinterland of the Gippsland Lakes has been released for public comment by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. A copy of the draft plan can be obtained by calling EGCMA on 51520600, or from the EGCMA web site: [www.egcma.com.au](http://www.egcma.com.au)

The Plan covers approximately 52,000 ha of public land and 134,000 ha of private land in the area bounded to the west by Toms Creek, to the east by Lakes Entrance and by the foothills to the north, and to the south by the northern shoreline of Lake Victoria and Lake King.

This area features some very important native vegetation and habitat including wetlands, saltmarshes, shrubland, heathland, forests, woodlands and rainforests. This vegetation varies in conservation importance from 'least concern' through to 'critically endangered'. The area also features 108 rare or threatened flora species, with 22 species considered particularly significant for the purposes of this plan.

EGCMA Acting CEO Brett Millington said: 'The plan sets priorities for the management of native vegetation in the area around the Gippsland Lakes for the next 10 years. Since much of this area is private land, the plan recognises that its implementation is dependent on willing landowners'.

'This draft plan is a chance for us to listen to ideas about aspects of the draft plan so that the final plan is widely supported by landowners'.

A briefing on the draft Plan for interested community members will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 28 October at the Bairnsdale Sporting & Convention Centre. Registration for this event, and information about how to comment on the draft Plan is available on the EGCMA web site. Feedback is due by 13 November 2015.

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