



LAVERS HILL CONSERVATION AUSTRALIA



Protecting cool temperate rainforest in Victoria

Situated between Cape Otway and the 12 Apostles in Victoria, this project protects one of the few remaining areas of cool temperate rainforest left in Victoria, and is home to a range of rare species, such as the Summer Spider-Orchid and the Sticky Wattle.

The Context

For generations, Lavers Hill in the south of Victoria depended on logging and agriculture for local income with multiple timber mills operating in the region for decades. With rainfall approaching 1,800mm per year, this is one of the wettest areas of Victoria, and one of the most biodiverse in Australia. One of the key threats to native species in this region is fragmentation, where years of sectioning private land isolates native populations.

The Project

Situated close to the iconic Great Ocean Road and with the Great Otway National Park on 3 sides, the project site is one of the few remaining areas of cool temperate rainforest left in Victoria. Cassinia Environmental manages the site, protecting native species by ensuring that pest animals, such as rabbits and foxes, are controlled. In addition, the vegetation quality increases through the control and elimination of weeds and by excluding stock through ongoing fencing maintenance.

The Benefits

This project delivers real, on-the-ground protection for Australia's biodiversity. The site is home to a range of threatened and rare species, such as the Otway Black Snail, the Sticky Wattle, the Ground Spleenwort, the Rock Banksia, the Summer Spider-Orchid, the Brooker's Gum, and the Pouncewort who are protected from external threats. Many of the Mountain Ash trees on this site are over 50m tall. These trees have been known to grow to over 100m and are the tallest hardwood trees in the world.

"By protecting private land remnants we can really address some of the threats that land fragmentation brings to native species here in Australia."

Paul Dettman
Founder and Director
Cassinia Environmental



36
ha

of remnant land protected from clearing or degradation by purchasing land and managing through forest management program



NATIVE

animal and plant species protected by the management of weeds and removal of pests

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