



EcoAustralia

Lavers Hill Rainforest Conservation Australia

Protecting cool temperate rainforest on
Victoria's Great Ocean Road



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

The Context

For generations, the town of Lavers Hill in southern Victoria depended on logging, timber mills and agriculture for income. With rainfall approaching 1,800 mm annually, this is one of the wettest areas in the state – and also one of the most biodiverse. But habitat fragmentation is a key threat to native species here, as decades of sectioning private land has isolated native populations.

The Project

Surrounded on three sides by the Great Otway National Park, the Lavers Hill Rainforest Conservation project gives an exceptional insight into the history of Victorian landscapes. The site is home to ancient plant communities like the towering mountain ash eucalyptus – the world's tallest flowering tree, capable of reaching staggering heights of more than 100 metres. Cassinia Environmental manages the project site, protecting local native wildlife through pest and weed control. Fence maintenance also prevents surrounding livestock from entering and damaging the property, fortifying the site further.

The Benefits

The Lavers Hill project delivers real, on-the-ground protection for Australian biodiversity, protecting one of the few remaining tracts of cool temperate rainforest in Victoria from foreign species and pest animals. In fact, since the property came under the stewardship of Cassinia, not a single case of exotic flora species or pest animals has been reported. By protecting threatened and rare species, such as the Otway black snail, sticky wattle, ground spleenwort, rock banksia, summer spider-orchid, Brooker's gum and the pouncewort from external threats, this project protects and enhances a rare and unique pocket of biodiversity-rich Australian vegetation in perpetuity.

About EcoAustralia

EcoAustralia is a stapled product that blends carbon credits with biodiversity protection. Each EcoAustralia credit consists of **one Australian Biodiversity Unit**, equal to **1.5m²** of government-accredited, permanently protected Australian vegetation, and **1 tCO₂e of avoided emissions** from a Gold Standard certified project.

Australian Biodiversity Unit



Verified International Carbon Credit

Gold Standard



EcoAustralia Credit



Gold Standard carbon credits

stapled to each government accredited Australian Biodiversity Unit purchased from the Lavers Hill project, meeting stringent standards for NCOS eligibility



36 ha

of incredibly dense, pristine rainforest protected and managed in perpetuity



Protection of native animal and plant species

thanks to the management of weeds and removal of pests



Australia-first partnership

enabling voluntary purchases of government-accredited Australian Biodiversity Units (normally reserved for offsetting vegetation removal)

For more information on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, please visit: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

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