SIGNIFICANCE OVERVIEW

At the outset of the Significance Assessment stage of the project, broad ‘significance investigation areas’ were defined (shaded in grey on the Significant Landscapes and Views Map overleaf), based on previous character work, field surveys, information gained from secondary sources, and community feedback.

These broad landscape areas were then examined in detail and an assessment of their cultural landscape values was undertaken (refer to the methodology outlined in the Regional Overview Report). These detailed assessments led to the designation of some landscapes as regionally significant, and others of state significance (or higher, though a rating of ‘national’ significance has not been attributed due to the scale/context of the study, and the inability to justify such a rating through comparative analysis.)

The detailed assessments of the landscapes are contained in the Landscape Significance Assessment Papers within this document.

An assessment of the most significant views throughout the study area has also been undertaken. Viewing locations were chosen based on the fact that they featured a view of a regionally or state significant landscape, and substantially met a number of other ‘selection considerations’ that are outlined and explained in the methodology outline in the Regional Overview Report.

These views were then examined in detail and an assessment of their aesthetic characteristics and relevant cultural values was undertaken. As with the landscapes, this led to the designation of some views as regionally significant, and others of state significance (or higher).

The detailed assessments of the views are contained in the Significant Views of South West Victoria document.

The Significant Landscapes and Views Map overleaf shows the levels of significance attributed to the landscapes across South West Victoria, as well as the viewing locations from which regionally and state significant views are available.

The final packages of Significant Landscapes and Significant Views documents have been arranged into Landscape Character Types rather than ‘significance investigation areas’ to retain consistency and ease of navigation across the suite of documents.
Significance Investigation Areas + Significant Landscapes & Views of South West Victoria Map
# Significant Landscapes of South West Victoria

## 1. Western Volcanic Plain
- 1.1 Southern Cones State
- 1.2 Lakeside Stony Rises State
- 1.3 Volcanic Lakes State
- 1.4 Inland Lakes State
- 1.5 Mount Leura Complex State
- 1.6 Red Rock Volcanic Complex State
- 1.7 Mount Rouse State
- 1.8 Mount Eccles (Budj Bim) & Tyrendarra Lava Flow State
- 1.9 Mount Napier & Harmans Valley Lava Flow State
- 1.10 Hepburn Gold Mines & Volcanic District State
- 1.11 Mount Buninyong & Mount Warrenheip Regional
- 1.12 Mount Emu Regional
- 1.13 Barrabool Hills Regional

## 2. The Uplands
- 2.1 Lederderg Gorge & State Park State
- 2.2 Wombat State Forest & Hepburn Regional Park Regional
- 2.3 Werribee Gorge State
- 2.4 Bacchus Marsh Agricultural Valley Regional
- 2.5 Parwan Valley State
- 2.6 Brisbane Ranges & Rowsley Scarp State
- 2.7 Anakie Hills Regional
- 2.8 You Yangs State
- 2.9 Lal Lal Gorge State
- 2.10 Enfield State Park Regional
- 2.11 Devils Kitchen Regional
- 2.12 Island Uplands Regional
- 2.13 Lower Pyrenees Regional

## 3. Goldfields
- 3.1 Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park Regional
- 3.2 Ararat Hills & Ridges Regional

## 4. The Rolling Tablelands
- 4.1 Wannon & Nigretta Falls State
- 4.2 The Hummocks, Wando Vale Regional
- 4.3 Dergholm State Park Regional
- 4.4 Merino Tablelands Regional

## 5. The Wimmera Plains
- 5.1 Mount Arapiles State
- 5.2 Natimuk - Douglas Wetland System Regional

## 6. The Grampians (Gariwerd) & Surrounds
- 6.1 The Grampians (Gariwerd) State (or higher)
- 6.2 Black Range (Burrunj) State Park Regional

## 7. Vegetated Rises
- 7.1 Cobboboonee & Lower Glenelg National Parks Regional