The South West Forests Investigation Area is a landscape of heathy shrubland and forest. These forests are intimate landscapes that are integral to the preservation of remnant vegetation in South West Victoria.

Within this broad investigation area, the Cobboboonée and Lower Glenelg National Parks have been identified as having significant landscape qualities. These area are shown on the map opposite.

A significance assessment paper has been prepared for this area of landscape significance.
SOUTHERN PYRENEES & UPLANDS INVESTIGATION AREA

The Southern Pyrenees and Uplands Investigation Area broadly comprises the area from Ararat to Beaufort and includes a number of National and State Parks and Reserves.

Within this broad investigation area, a number of highly significant landscape features and areas have been identified. This includes volcanic cones, hills and ridges and forested interfaces.

A significance assessment paper has been prepared for each of these significant landscapes, namely:

- Island Uplands
- Mount Emu
- The Lower Pyrenees
- Ararat Hills and Ridges.
TABLELANDS INVESTIGATION AREA

The Tablelands Investigation Area encompasses the rolling terrain of the Dundas and Merino Tablelands and the Dergholm State Park.

Within this broad investigation area, a number of highly significant landscape features and areas have been identified. This includes waterfalls, areas of state park and the rolling hillscapes of the region.

A significance assessment paper has been prepared for the following significant landscapes:
- The Hummocks, Wando Vale
- Wannon & Nigretta Falls
- Dergholm State Park
- Merino Tablelands
The West Wimmera Investigation Area is a landscape of saline lakes and big skies.

Within this broad investigation area, a number of highly significant landscape features and areas were identified. These includes Mount Arapiles and the swamps, creeks and wetlands of the Natimuk-Douglas Saline Wetland Depression, shown on the map opposite.

A significance assessment paper has been prepared for both of these significant landscapes, namely:
- Mount Arapiles
- Natimuk-Douglas Saline Wetland Depression
The Southern Cones and Lakes Investigation Area is a collection of volcanic features focussed around Lake Corangamite.

Defined as the “Lakes & Craters Precinct” within the Kanawinka Global Geopark, it is considered to be one of the most dramatic and exciting volcanic landscapes in Victoria.

Within this broad investigation area, a number of highly significant landscape features and areas have been identified. This includes volcanic craters, rises, lakes and rock formations, shown on the map opposite.

A significance assessment paper has been prepared for each of these significant landscapes, namely:

- Inland Lakes
- Volcanic Lakes
- Lakeside Stony Rises
- Southern Cones
- Mount Leura Complex
- Red Rock

While each individual landscape element within this investigation area has been given a ‘state’ rating, the collection of these landscape features as a whole landscape would warrent a significance rating of ‘state, or higher’.