

7.1 COBBOBOONEE & LOWER GLENELG NATIONAL PARKS

Significant Landscape

Character Type	7	Vegetated Rises
Character Area	N/A	

The Cobboboonee and Lower Glenelg National Parks are located near Portland and Heywood. Parts of the northern sections of both park fall into the study area, however they both extend significantly further to the south.

The Cobboboonee National Park was upgraded from State Forest to National Park status in 2008.

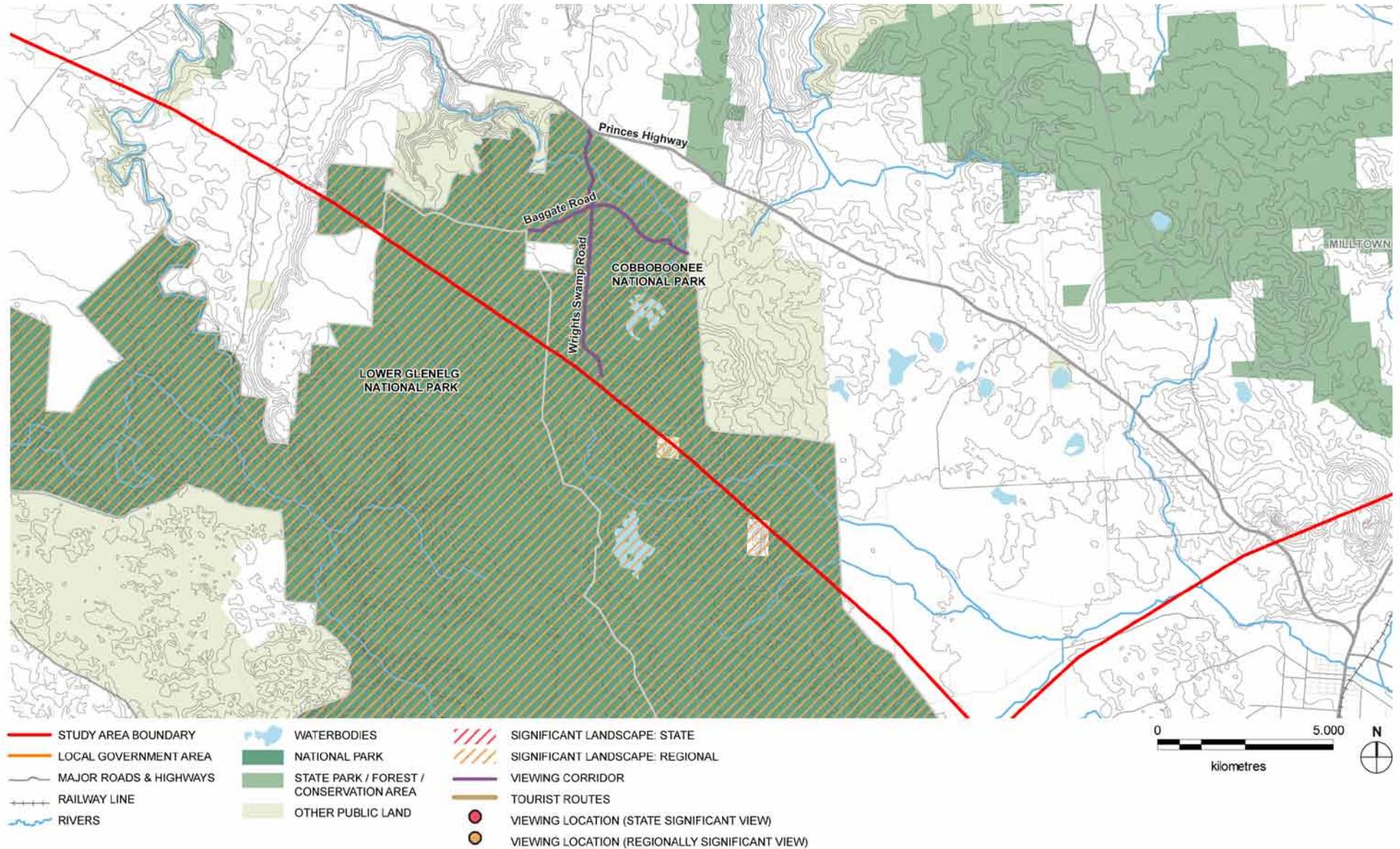
Overall Landscape Significance Rating: Regional

A detailed significance assessment is provided over the following pages.



Cobboboonee National Park

Landscape Significance Map



Aesthetic Values

AESTHETIC VALUES				
	Source	Description	Aesthetic Values Rating Considerations (i.e. exemplary, iconic, scarce)	Level of Significance
LANDSCAPE FEATURES	Survey	The Cobboboonee and Lower Glenelg National Parks are thickly forested landscapes that have been preserved for conservation in an area where plantation forestry is prevalent. They contain lowlands forests, heathlands and wetlands.	This is an exemplary example of vegetation that has been set aside to recover from detrimental impacts of past land uses.	High (Regional)
EDGES OR CONTRASTS	Survey	The National Parks are adjacent to areas of pine plantation and conservation reserves. There is a strong contrast in the patterns of vegetation where the park is bordered by pine plantations. It blends seamlessly with the Lower Glenelg National Park to the west.	It is scarce to have two national parks adjacent to each other that blend together to form one large area preserved for land conservation.	High (Regional)
COMPOSITION	Survey	The park contains mostly thick bush that is divided by dirt tracks and roads that allow access through it. This is a relatively low-lying landscape with few long range or outwards views, which allows for an intimate, enclosed viewing experience. Tree with tall, straight trunks dominate and a high canopy are prevalent, with a low understory of bracken, grasses and small shrubs.	This is a quiet, isolated and intimate landscape.	High (Regional)
OVERALL AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE RATING				Regional

Other Cultural Landscape Values

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Source	Description
Desktop Research	Aboriginal artefact scatters, earth mounds and scarred trees occur throughout the area.
SIGNIFICANCE RATING	Regional

ENVIRONMENTAL / SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Source	Description
IUCN National Parks Act	Cobboboonee National Park is a protected area on the IUCN list, Category II (National Park) and under the National Parks Act.
SIGNIFICANCE RATING	State

SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

Source	Description
Aboriginal Affairs Victoria	The Cobboboonee National Park is the traditional country of the Gunditjmara people to whom it holds social, cultural and spiritual significance. The waterbodies, distinctive natural features and places of ecological value within this area are likely to have high Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity.
Parks Victoria	The Cobboboonee National Park attracts visitors from the region and beyond for bushwalking, picnicking, camping, trail riding and scenic driving routes. The Great South West Walk traverses a section of the Park. The Gunditjmara have been continually connected to this land for tens of thousands of years.
SIGNIFICANCE RATING	State