



# MYAMYN CONSERVATION AUSTRALIA

Protecting ancient forest and ensuring  
biodiversity in Victoria's lowland forests



*Sections of the Annya State forest land, illegally cleared around a decade ago, have been planted with Tasmanian blue gum, negatively impacting the biodiversity of the area. By protecting the land against further clearing and replanting it with natural vegetation, this project helps preserve the habitat of endangered native species such as the Scented Spider-orchid, the Powerful Owl, and the Long-nosed Potoroo.*

### The Context

The Annya State forest within the southern region of Victoria is characterised by Messmate Stringybark with a diverse shrub, grass and herb dominated understorey growing on fertile well-drained colluvial soils. However, sections of this land were illegally cleared in 1997 and planted with Tasmanian blue gum, impacting the biodiversity of the area.

### The Project

This project encompasses an area of private land within the Annya State forest containing expansive native forest, a freshwater wetland and plantation areas. The remnant native forest at this site has not been managed for timber harvesting, and thus represents some of the most undisturbed forest vegetation in the region containing 20 very large old trees, 13 large old trees and 2,418 Medium old trees. This project protects ancient forest and ensures the biodiversity of the area by protecting this important land from further clearing and replanting areas with native plants.


### The Benefits

In total, eight hectares of land has been protected against further clearing and replanted with natural vegetation. The quality of vegetation has also increased through the control and elimination of weeds. Furthermore, this project ensures that pest animals, such as cats and foxes, are controlled. By protecting this land, the habitat of a range of threatened and endangered native species, including the Scented Spider-orchid, Powerful Owl and the Long-nosed Potoroo, has also been preserved.



**8 ha**

of remnant forest protected and replanted, improving vegetation and protecting the habitat of vulnerable native species.



By ensuring the conservation of this land, this project protects the vulnerable native Hyacinth Orchid (*Dipodium roseum*).



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