

## **12.05 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTS AND LANDSCAPES**

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### **12.05-1S Environmentally sensitive areas**

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#### **Objective**

To protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas.

#### **Strategies**

Protect environmentally sensitive areas with significant recreational value from development that would diminish their environmental conservation or recreational values. These areas include the Dandenong and Macedon Ranges, the Upper Yarra Valley, Western Port and Port Phillip Bay and their foreshores, the Mornington Peninsula, the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers and the Merri Creek, the Grampians, the Gippsland Lakes and its foreshore, the coastal areas and their foreshores, Alpine areas and nominated urban conservation areas, historic buildings and precincts.

### **12.05-2S Landscapes**

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#### **Objective**

To protect and enhance significant landscapes and open spaces that contribute to character, identity and sustainable environments.

#### **Strategies**

Ensure significant landscape areas such as forests, the bays and coastlines are protected.

Ensure development does not detract from the natural qualities of significant landscape areas.

Improve the landscape qualities, open space linkages and environmental performance in significant landscapes and open spaces, including green wedges, conservation areas and non-urban areas.

Recognise the natural landscape for its aesthetic value and as a fully functioning system.

Ensure important natural features are protected and enhanced.