

PRIORITY CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES:

1 **Barking Owl nest (one of only two in the program area¹) in public stream frontage with grazing licence**

- initiate negotiations about conversion to conservation licence with fencing, targeted grazing to suppress annual weeds, management agreement with adjoining landholder; reinstate patches of native shrubs; post signs and ensure compliance to stop removal of fallen timber for firewood

2 **High quality native vegetation (abundant large trees, fallen timber, leaf litter, orchids) on private land, currently lightly grazed**

- approach landholder seeking voluntary interest in potential options: BushTender (or other incentives), management agreement, Trust for Nature covenant, government purchase

3 **Uncoordinated management of significant remnant**

- fence-off uncategorised public land parcel and investigate potential for conversion to conservation reserve, revegetation, restoration and/or management agreement with adjoining

landholder; approach owners of private remnants (including wetland) about incentives; initiate conservation licences or management agreements over unused roads and public stream frontages; manage significant road and rail reserves in use appropriately with VicRoads, VicTrack

4 **Significant road/rail reserves**

- manage appropriately; consider approaching adjoining landholders to revegetate or enhance management of existing native vegetation adjacent strips

5 **Road in use fragments public-private land native vegetation patch and causes traffic detour**

- approach VicRoads and landholder about replacing existing roads with new road in current cleared freehold on southern edge of nature conservation reserve

6 **Newly detected outbreak of Chilean needle-grass**

- contact DPI and landholder to eradicate immediately

POTENTIAL FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES (TO BE TAKEN UP IF AND AS THEY ARISE):

A **Unlicensed unused roads with native vegetation**

- investigate opportunities for fencing, pest control, augmentation of native vegetation, tenure change, etc. as appropriate subject to broader survey program²

B **Licensed unused roads with native vegetation**

- investigate opportunities as in (A) above through conversion to conservation licence with licensee

C **Unused roads without native vegetation**

- initiate revegetation and – where licensed – negotiate conversion to conservation licence where indicated by survey²

D **Remnants on private land**

- potential for incentives to manage for biodiversity

EXAMPLES OF OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS

- LandCare group
- 'Friends' group
- Conservation Management Network
- Trust for Nature covenant
- DSE programs: River Health, Good Neighbour, Bush Guardians, fire protection, EcoTender
- CMA programs such as Regional Catchment or Biodiversity Strategies, eMap

Notes:

- 1 other Barking Owl nest is just inside national park boundary where these measures are already in place – similar asset, very different opportunity map
- 2 generic statewide surveys of rail and road reserves (unused and in use) progressing

Figure 4.1

SAMPLE DRAFT OPPORTUNITY MAP FOR PART OF A FICTIONAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PROGRAM LANDSCAPE

