12.01-1L Protection of biodiversity in alpine resorts

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Objective

To preserve and enhance the habitat of threatened species and communities within the alpine resorts.

Strategies

Maintain and improve the present diversity and viability of species and ecological communities within the alpine resorts.

Avoid use and development that detrimentally impacts upon threatened species, habitat or communities.

Minimise the removal of vegetation as part of development.

Retain mature trees or, if removed, incorporate suitable replacement planting.

Encourage development to be designed around significant vegetation on the site.

Retain native vegetation, including trees, shrubs and ground cover.

Discourage the isolation of trees, where vegetation is to be removed.

Discourage the destruction and fragmentation of landscapes.

Maintain a transition between the vegetated landscape in the National and State Parks and development in the resorts.

Minimise impacts on significant areas of landscape habitat and habitat corridors for indigenous fauna.

Ensure that snow gums are retained wherever possible.

Ensure that existing Mountain Pygmy-possum habitats are preserved.

Protect the Mountain Pygmy-possum management area in the 'inter-urban break' between Hotham Central and Davenport.

Preserve the areas of high environmental significance at Lake Mountain such as the heath and bog areas, sub-alpine wetlands and the Northofagus (Myrtle Beech) fauna.

Protect and enhance existing Stream Complex, Alpine Bog and snow Gum Woodland habitats.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- Minimising impacts on native vegetation or fauna, through Site Environmental Management Plans and building envelopes.
- Ensuring that development that may impact on the known and potential habitat of the Mountain Pygmy-possum complies with the:
 - Management Strategy and Guidelines for the Conservation for the Mountain Pygmy-possum (Burramys parvus) in Victoria (Mansergh, Kelly & Scott, 1989).
 - *National Recovery Plan for the Mountain Pygmy-possum Burramys parvus* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, May 2016).
- Ensure that use and development does not detrimentally impact upon the threatened species habitat or communities that are listed in the following table for each of the resorts:

Falls Creek Alpine Resort

Mountain Daisy (Brachyscome tenuiscapa)

ALPINE RESORTS PLANNING SCHEME

Falls Creek Alpine Resort

Wire-head Sedge (Carex cephalotes)

Dwarf Sedge (Carex paupera)

Rough Eyebright (Euphrasia scabra)

Alpine Bog Community

Alpine Snowpatch Community

Caltha introloba Herbland Community

Fen (Bog Pool) Community

Mountain Pygmy-possum (Burramys parvus)

Stonefly (Riekoperla intermedia)

Stonefly (Thaumatoperla alpina)

Lake Mountain Alpine Resort

Leadbeater's Possum (Gymnobelideus leadbeateri)

Smoky Mouse (Pseudomys fumeus)

Barred (or Brown) Galaxias (Galaxias olius var. fuscus)

Alpine Bog Skink (Pseudemoia cryodroma)

Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort

Alpine Bog Community

Caltha introloba Herbland Community

Baw Baw Frog (Philoria frosti)

Leadbeater's Possum (Gymnobelideus leadbeateri)

Broad-toothed Rat (Mastacomys fuscus)

Mt Buller Alpine Resort

Caddisfly (Archaeophylax canarus)

Mountain Pygmy-possum (Burramys parvus)

Alpine Bog Skink (Pseudemoia cryodroma)

Stonefly (Riekoperla isosceles)

Alpine Stonefly (Thaumatoperla flaveola)

Broad-toothed Rat (Mastacomys fuscus)

Greater Glider

Alpine Bog Community

Alpine Marsh Marigold Community

Barred Galaxias

Mt Hotham Alpine Resort

Mountain Daisy (Brachyscome tenuiscapa)

Wire-head Sedge (Carex cephalotes)

Mt Hotham Alpine Resort

Dwarf Sedge (Carex paupera) Silky Daisy (Celmisia sericophylla) Rock Tussock-grass (Poa saxicola) Fairy Bluebell (Wahlenbergia densifolia) Eicher's Buttercup (Ranunculus eichleranus) Alpine Bog Community Alpine Snowpatch Community Caltha introloba Herbland Community Fen (Bog Pool) Community Mountain Pygmy-possum (Burramys parvus) Alpine She-oak Skink (Cyclodomorphus praealtus) Broad-toothed Rat (Mastacomys fuscus)

Policy documents

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