



Emerging Environmental Markets – Offsets Victoria – Australia

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Victorian Biodiversity Policy

- ◆ *Native Vegetation Management Framework – A Framework for Action (2003)*
 - Established “*net gain in quality and extent*” as the primary goal

- ◆ Net gain requires:
 - investment in improved management – *beyond duty of care*
 - clearing controls for native vegetation
 - avoid, minimise, offset

- ◆ Generate native gains through:
 - Improved management, revegetation, increased protection

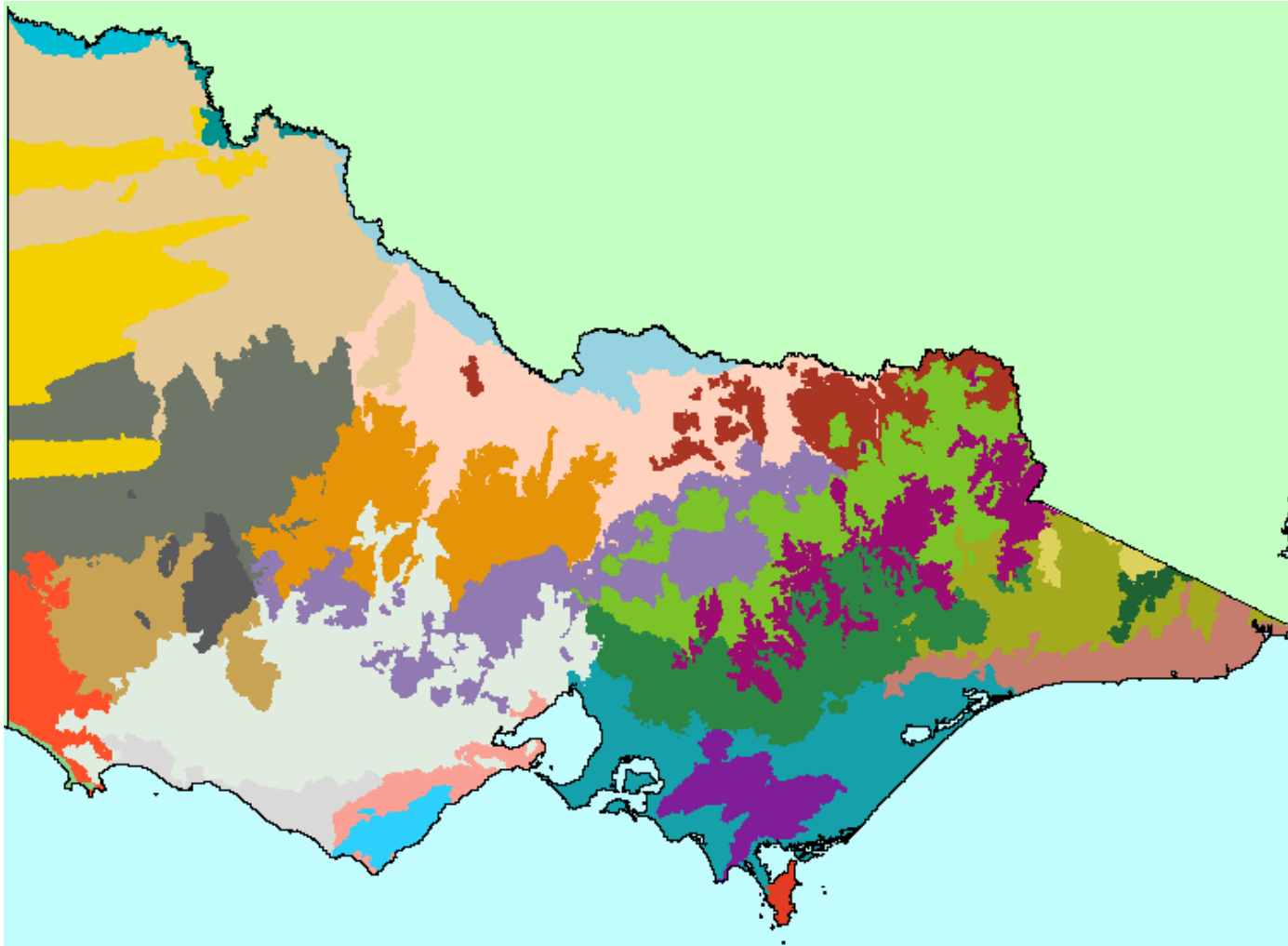
BushBroker

- ◆ Register new credits
- ◆ Set standards
- ◆ Extinguish credits in third party offsets
- ◆ Bank credits for future use or sale
- ◆ Quality control on credits

Offsets: like-for-like criteria

- ◆ Criteria vary with significance of vegetation
 - Vegetation type and quality
 - Quantity (measured in habitat hectares)
 - % revegetation in offset
 - Landscape protection function
 - Large old tree replacement
 - Location – bioregions

Victorian Bioregions (28)



Victorian Biodiversity Strategy 1997

BushBroker Pilot 2006 – 07

- ◆ Collaborative trial with VicRoads
 - Major road project
 - Plains grassland

- ◆ Trading mechanisms
 - One-to-one negotiation
 - Sponsored auction
 - Trading-post