# Total vegetation cover soil protection Region:LGA Burnie\_(C) TAS

# Date: July 2024

This report describes vegetation protecting the soil surface from erosion during a chosen month compared to previous years. This report has been generated using MODIS fractional vegetation cover information available in Rangelands and Pasture Productivity (RAPP) map tool https://map.geo-rapp.org/#australia. The report is based on 500 metre pixel data on monthly time steps. Land use forest cover:

Results can be shown for the whole region (polygon), and separated by land use and forest cover classes which are likely to show different cover patterns and targets. Land use is divided into four broad classes: Conservation and natural environments, Agriculture, production native forests and plantation forests (no report), and other (no report). Agriculture is divided into grazing, crops and horticulture which are sub-divided into non-irrigated and irrigated. If forest is present land use is further divided into: non-forest, woodland forest and non-woodland forest. The area of each land use and forest class are shown as a map and chart. The report content is repeated for each land use and forest covers at least 1% of the area of the chosen region. Total vegetation Cover:

The total vegetation cover indicates where soil is likely to be protected from wind and or water hillslope erosion. Total vegetation cover for this month is shown on a map and chart classified into 4 classes.

• 71-100% High cover - protected from wind and usually water erosion (high rainfall, steep slopes, and erodible soils may need greater than 80, 90, 95 and up to 100% cover)

- 51-70% Moderate cover protected from wind erosion
- 31-50% Low cover not protected
- 0-30% Very Low cover not protected

Erosion protection: Wind erosion 50% total vegetation cover

The vegetation cover threshold required to prevent soil erosion is usually 50% to reduce wind erosion, 70% or 80% to reduce water (hillslope) erosion depending on the steepness and rainfall. Areas protected from erosion for the month:

• Map: water erosion protection (>70% cover) percentage area and hectares.

• Map: wind erosion protection (>50% cover) percentage area and hectares. Comparison with previous years:

• Map: anomaly comparing this month to the average cover from the same month in previous years.

• Map: deciles rank of month against the same month in previous years.

Anomalies and deciles until September 2019 are calculated comparing to the same months 2001 to 2019. Extra monthly data will be used to calculate anomalies and deciles post September 2019 as they become available. Time series monthly from January 2001 to current:

**Erosion protection** 

- Wind erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 50% cover for each month (orange lines). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.
- Water erosion protection time series: percentage of the area of the region with greater than 70% cover for each month (blue line). Horizontal lines are 10th (cover target) and 50th percentiles.

### Rainfall

• Millimetres rainfall each month (black line).

Each time series is also stacked by year. The black line shows the current year of data. Water erosion protection for higher rainfall and steeper slopes:

Water erosion protection on higher slopes. As slope increases, more cover is required to control water erosion. The thresholds reported are:

- the percentage area with pixels greater than 80% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 90% total cover.
- the percentage area with pixels greater than 95% total cover.

## Acknowledgment of data:

- 1. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use/alum-classification
- 2. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/sofr/sofr-2018
- 3. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pastures-and-rangelands/establishment-mgmt/production-management2/groundcover
- 4. MODIS Fractional cover algorithm:

https://doi.org/10.4225/08/5848a3f19a7b3



# **Vegetation Cover Jul 2024**

### Land use and forest cover

Catchment Scale

of Australia (2018)

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Land Use and Forests

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### Proportion of each land class in area



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52%70%

32%5001

0.30%

### **Total Vegetation Cover [%]**



### % Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





### Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



### % Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



Deciles show where the pixel value lies in the record, from highest to lowest, for that month. That is, red pixels are in the lowest 10% of records for that month of the map using baseline from 2001 to 2019.

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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### **Conservation and natural environments**

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

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Land use and forest cover

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 









3 Conservation and natural environments - Non-woodland forest

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32%50%

0.30%

### Proportion of each land class in area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 80%)



### **Conservation and natural environments non forest**

Land use and forest cover



Total Vegetation Cover [%]





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





## **Conservation and natural environments non forest timeseries**



Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)





Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



### **Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest**

Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018) Land use and forest cover

Total Vegetation Cover [%]





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



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### **Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)**

Land use and forest cover



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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 



% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 

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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 









Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)





## Agriculture

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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)





### Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Area

protected 100.0% of

region (11,250 ha)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



# Agriculture timeseries

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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







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above 90





## Grazing

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**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 









Proportion of each land class in area

Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]





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Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







above 90





## **Grazing non forest**

Land use and forest cover



1 Agriculture - Grazing - Non forest

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



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Area protected 100.0% of region (6,100 ha)

Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]







Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







above 90





## Cropping



**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 





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**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 







Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



# **Cropping timeseries**



Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







## Irrigation

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Derived from

Land use and forest cover

1 Agriculture - Grazing - Irrigated 2 Agriculture - Cropping - Irrigated

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Proportion of each land class in area



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)









**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)







## **Production native forests and plantation forests**

Land use and forest cover



1 Production native forests and plantation forests

**Total Vegetation Cover [%]** 





% Area protected from water erosion (>70%)



Proportion of vegetation cover class in area



% Area protected from wind erosion (>50%)



Catchment Scale Land Use and Forests of Australia (2018) Derived from Catchment Scale Land Use of Australia (2018) and Forests of Australia (2018)

**Total Vegetation Cover Anomaly [%]** 



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Area protected 100.0% of region (34,300 ha)

**Total Vegetation Cover Decile [%]** 





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Proportion of the area protected from wind erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 50%)

Proportion of the area protected from water erosion (Total Vegetation Cover > 70%)



Wind erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov >50%)

Water erosion historical monthly area protected (Total Veg Cov>70%)



# Burnie\_(C) (total 61,100 ha) Percentage area and hectares protected with TVC threshold 30,50,70,80,90 and 95%

Land use and forest cover Class	area(ha)	above_30	above_50	above_70	above_80	above_90	above_95
Entire region	61,100	99.8% 61,000	99.7% 60,925	98.3% 60,050	92.4% 56,450	74.5% 45,550	41.1% 25,125
Conservation and natural environments	10,300	99.5% 10,250	99.5% 10,250	98.8% 10,175	95.9% 9,875	81.1% 8,350	46.6% 4,800
Conservation and natural environments non forest	1,275	98.0% 1,250	98.0% 1,250	96.1% 1,225	94.1% 1,200	74.5% 950	49.0% 625
Conservation and natural environments Woodland forest	1,000	100.0% 1,000	100.0% 1,000	97.5% 975	92.5% 925	82.5% 825	57.5% 575
Conservation and natural environments Forest (non woodland)	8,025	99.7% 8,000	99.7% 8,000	99.4% 7,975	96.6% 7,750	81.9% 6,575	44.9% 3,600
Agriculture	11,250	100.0% 11,250	100.0% 11,250	97.6% 10,975	81.8% 9,200	44.0% 4,950	28.9% 3,250
Grazing	6,100	100.0% 6,100	100.0% 6,100	96.7% 5,900	82.8% 5,050	48.0% 2,925	31.1% 1,900
Grazing non forest	6,100	100.0% 6,100	100.0% 6,100	96.7% 5,900	82.8% 5,050	48.0% 2,925	31.1% 1,900
Cropping	600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	100.0% 600	75.0% 450	41.7% 250	29.2% 175
Irrigation	4,550	100.0% 4,550	100.0% 4,550	98.4% 4,475	81.3% 3,700	39.0% 1,775	25.8% 1,175
Production native forests and plantation forests	34,300	100.0% 34,300	100.0% 34,300	99.8% 34,225	98.0% 33,600	86.7% 29,750	45.9% 15,750

