

Water – hanging swamps

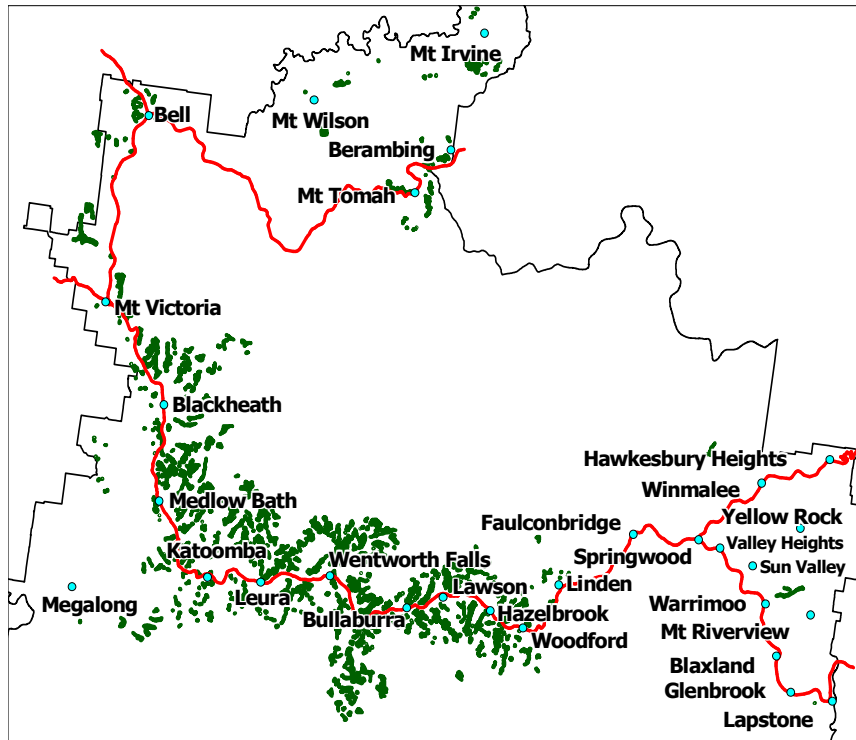
What are we monitoring?

Area of hanging swamps

What is the trend?

Trend data is not yet available.

The Map below shows the distribution of hanging swamps in the Blue Mountains.



Why is monitoring this trend important?

The distribution of hanging swamps is limited and impacted significantly by threats of urban development, erosion, sedimentation, weed invasions, groundwater extraction rates, runoff and pollution. Hanging swamps are dependent on the availability of ground water and provide a range of free ecosystem services and are home to a variety of threatened species. Hanging swamps are a feature of the Blue Mountains water cycle. They act like massive sponges, soaking up water and releasing it gradually to provide life-sustaining moisture for downstream ecosystems.

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, 2004-2005 State of Environment Report - City of Blue Mountains