



TASVEG Update #6

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Dear TASVEG stakeholder, we are pleased to make the following announcements.

Release of TASVEG Vegetation Condition Assessment Benchmarks

The Tasmanian Vegetation Monitoring and Mapping Program (TVMMP) has released the latest set of TASVEG Vegetation Condition Assessment (VCA) benchmarks. The benchmarks allow the comparison of vegetation over time and across different patches of vegetation and different vegetation communities for planning and monitoring purposes, providing a consistent and logical reference point for 'naturalness' against which loss of condition and direction for improvement can be considered.

This latest release of 170 separate benchmarks revises existing benchmark values where better information is now available and includes eighteen new benchmarks, sixteen of which are flagged as appropriate for assessing the condition of all or part of a number of threatened vegetation communities (under Schedule 3A [Nature Conservation Act 2002](#)).

The full TASVEG VCA benchmarks can now be found on the [DPIWPE web site](#) and will soon be available via the TASVEG tab in DPIWPE's [Natural Values Atlas](#).

Vegetation condition data now supported by the Natural Values Atlas

The Natural Values Atlas (NVA) now supports the entry and use of vegetation condition data collected in Tasmania using the TASVEG VCA method. Natural Values Information Section staff have worked to enable the release of additional functionality within the NVA that:

- allows entry of raw VCA data collected in the field and the automatic calculation of VCA component and final scores;
 - provides access via a 'Benchmark Search' to VCA benchmarks for TASVEG communities;
 - provides a 'VCA Score Search' which will allow users to find and download score data for VCAs undertaken in Tasmania, once these data are loaded.
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Please contact the TASVEG team if you have any questions relating to the amendments outlined above: TVMMPsupport@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au.

Warm regards from the TASVEG team

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