

Endangered Vegetation Types – Implications for Development Proposals

The Minister for the Environment and Water Resources has notified the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board that the ***Peppermint Box (Eucalyptus odorata) Grassy Woodland of South Australia and the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia*** have been listed as critically endangered ecological communities under the EPBC Act.

This has important implications for all councils that have these vegetation types within their boundaries. If you have these vegetation types in your council area and development is being proposed, then there will need to be vegetation surveys done to make sure this vegetation type is not being affected by the proposed development. If these vegetation assemblages are found in an area proposed to be developed, then the development must be referred to the Department of Environment and Heritage, under the EPBC Act, see links below. In addition, any proposed activity that is likely to have a significant impact on these ecosystems will now need to be referred to the Australian Government.

Please see below for link to assessment approvals, where there is a referrals word document that can be used to submit developments to the Department of Environment and Water Resources.

The general area in which patches of this vegetation may be found extends from Victor Harbour to Port Augusta and from Ardrossan to east of Burra is shown on the attached map.

Further information can be found from the links below.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/peppermint-box-iron-grass-policy.html>

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<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/index.html>

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/communities/maps/pubs/peppermint-box-iron-grass.pdf>

Standard advisory note to development applicants for applications potentially subject to self referrals under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Note: Applicants are reminded that separate approvals from the Australian Government may also be required for developments likely to have a significant impacts on matters of national environmental significance (NES) protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The matters of NES include World Heritage Properties, National Heritage Places, Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance, listed threatened species and ecological communities and listed migratory waterbirds. If you believe that significant impacts on such matters may occur you will need to make a separate referral to the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage.

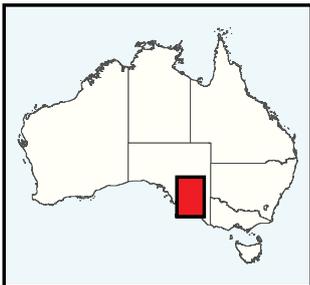
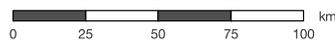
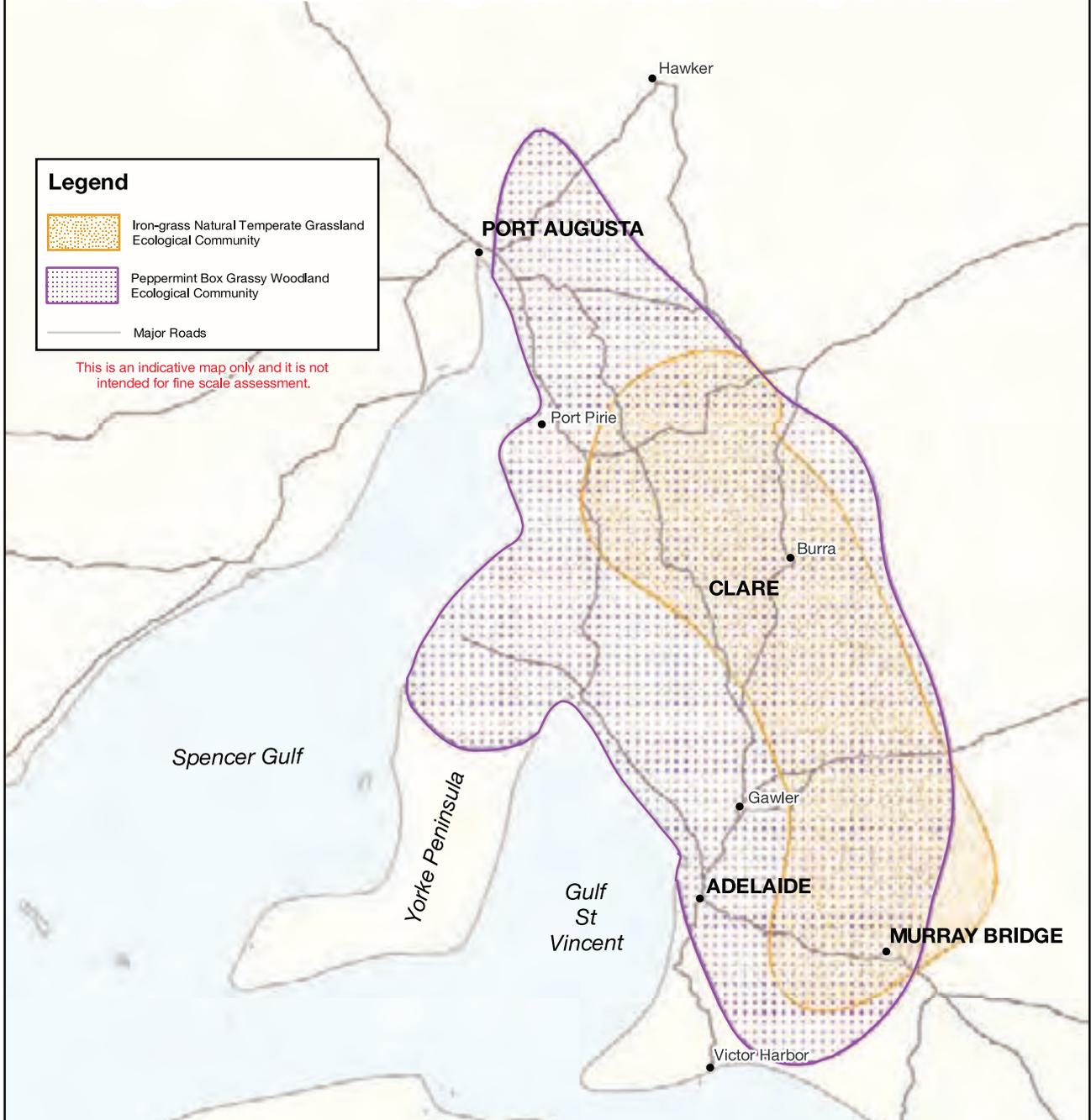
Further information about the EPBC Act, including a search facility to identify potential matters of NES, is available at www.environment.gov.au/epbc or by calling the Department's Community Information Unit on (free call) 1800 803 772 (email: ciu@deh.gov.au).

General area in which patches of Peppermint Box Grassy Woodland and Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland may be found

Legend

-  Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland Ecological Community
-  Peppermint Box Grassy Woodland Ecological Community
-  Major Roads

This is an indicative map only and it is not intended for fine scale assessment.



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