SAVING OUR SPECIES

Threatened Ecological Communities Strategic

Co-Investment Program

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Objective is 'to maximise the number of threatened species that are secure in the wild in NSW for 100 years'

Key components of SoS program delivery

- Program is delivered by regional internal staff, NPWS, Science Division and **external partners**.

- Focus on **targeted on-ground** conservation projects to secure threatened species and ecological communities in the wild.

- **Monitor**, **evaluate and report** to ensure adaptability when required to meet the SoS program objective.

- **Engagement** with **external partners** to **align** the deliver on-ground **actions** and **investment** across NSW for threatened species and ecological communities.

Objectives as per SoS Threatened Ecological Community Strategy

TEC Long-term objective

To maximise the viability of TECs in NSW.

By **strategically investing** in priority areas and/or sites, threats, and management actions, and **working in partnership** with stakeholders across NSW.

SoS Co-Investment Program

A funding delivery model to **share** the responsibility of achieving the SoS program outcomes; and to **facilitate** long-term investment in threatened species and ecological communities' management. Co-Investment partners **deliver** and **co-fund** large-scale, long-term conservation projects in NSW.

SoS Co-Investment Projects 2021-26
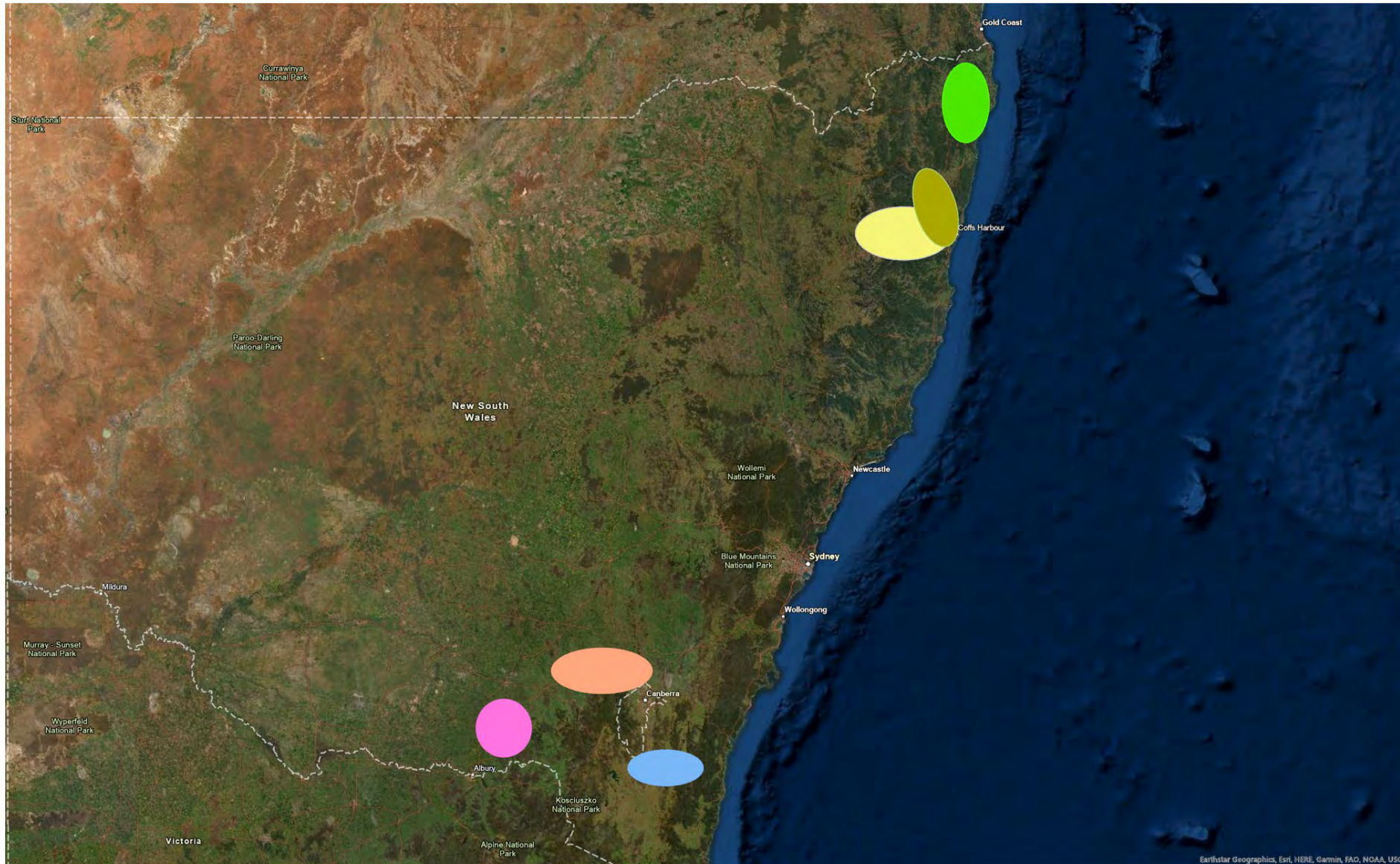
Indicative Project Area
Not to scale

- Big Scrub Landcare
- BirdLife Australia (Glossies)
- BirdLife Australia (W. Birds)
- Bush Heritage Australia
- Greening Australia
- Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance

Strategic approach to manage TECs

Investment priorities

- Type of conservation models based on TECs needs.
  - 1. **Habitat protection**: habitat loss = predominant driver of viability
  - 2. **Site-based management**: threatening processes can and should be abated at site scale
  - 3. **Pervasive threat impacts**: predominant threat/s require active abatement, but not possible at site scale
  - 4. **Research/Survey**: could be allocated to 1 or 2, but don't have sufficient knowledge of distribution

Monitoring

- **Extent** as primary **indicator.**
  - **Short-term**: mapping using footprint modelling, a broadscale indication of the presence/absence of the TEC (no condition or threat information at this point).
  - **Long-term**: use this info as a template to develop a fit-for-purpose mapping (e.g., regional to local).

Evaluation

- Based on adequacy of patch/remnant protection, and change in landscape of *extent*

  Sufficient extent in suitable habitat…

  …in good condition and sufficient connected

  …and it on tenure protected in perpetuity.