

Linking Landscapes

A WildCountry Vision for North-East Tasmania

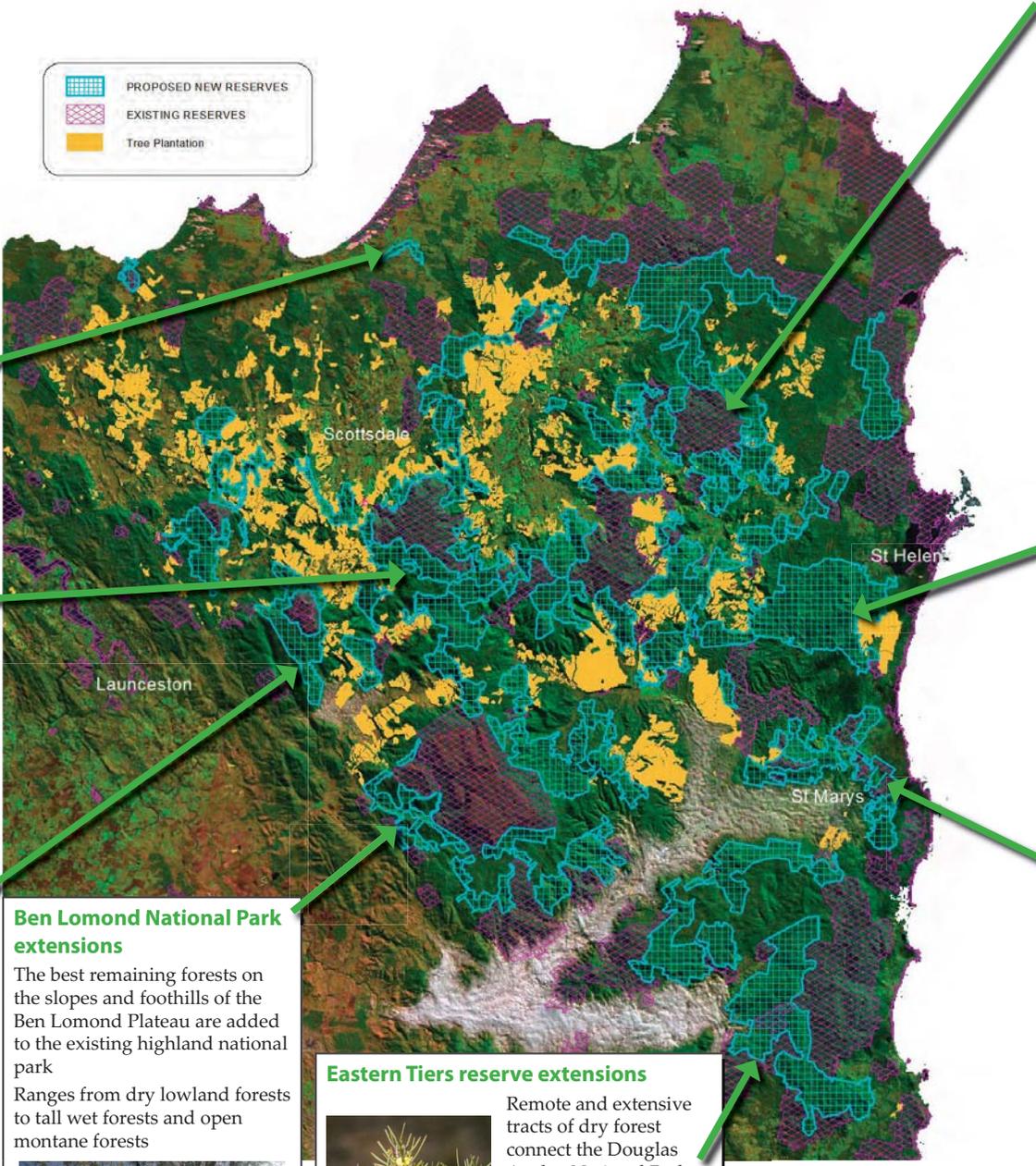
McKerrow Marshes
 480 hectares of Crown Land
 An important remnant of river flat vegetation on the Great Forester River
 Most of the surrounding Great Northern Plain is privately owned and has been cleared for agriculture
 This proposed reserve contains paperbark swamp forest (considered rare and endangered in Tasmania) and a regionally significant patch of blackwood swamp forest



Mount Maurice Reserve extensions
 The existing Mt Maurice Forest Reserve protects some of the highland vegetation in the area but neglects old-growth forests on the lower and middle slopes
 These proposed extensions will ensure protection of the most extensive tracts of rainforest and tea-tree forest in north east Tasmania in addition to some of the best remaining stands of tall mountain ash forest and rare highland grasslands



Mount Barrow Protected Landscape
 Integrating the conservation commitment of landowners who have covenants on their land with protection of surrounding public land
 Connects the Mt Barrow and Mt Barrow Falls reserves and protects an altitudinal sequence of vegetation (providing a representative sample of the local ecology and allowing for environmental responses to climate change)

Ben Lomond National Park extensions
 The best remaining forests on the slopes and foothills of the Ben Lomond Plateau are added to the existing highland national park
 Ranges from dry lowland forests to tall wet forests and open montane forests



Eastern Tiers reserve extensions
 Remote and extensive tracts of dry forest connect the Douglas Apsley National Park with other existing reserves to create a large protected area in the largely unprotected Eastern Tiers
 A hotspot for threatened plant species



North East Highlands – a new national park
 By connecting several existing reserves a large area of spectacular and biodiverse mountains will be protected as a national park
 This will be a major tourist drawcard for the north-east, offering scenic drives and bushwalks
 The area includes extensive areas of undisturbed vegetation, important threatened species habitat and the headwaters of numerous water catchments



Constable Creek – Loila Tier
 This relatively pristine area of dry forest and heathland is close to St Helens
 Contains several rare and threatened vegetation types, old-growth dry forests and significant populations of threatened plant species



St Marys Protected Landscape
 A varied landscape of dolerite peaks, limestone caves, wet and dry forests
 Existing reserves on public and private land are connected and integrated into a landscape-scale protected area
 Protecting and promoting the natural attractions of the St Marys region
 Recognising the significant contribution to nature conservation by private landowners in the area
 5870 hectares of proposed reserves in addition to 3670 hectares of existing reserves