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### **Supplementary Material**

#### **Impact of *Phytophthora* dieback on a key heathland species *Xanthorrhoea australis* (Asphodelaceae) (austral grasstree) and floristic composition in the eastern Otways, Victoria**

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**Table S1.** List of all species identified within the study, including family name, life form code and *P. cinnamomi* susceptibility rating. Life form codes were sourced from EVC/Bioregion Benchmarks (Victorian Government Department of Sustainability and Environment 2004). FR = Field resistant (or tolerant); S = Susceptible; LS = Low susceptibility; HS = Highly susceptible (McDougall 2005).

| Species  | Family         | Life Form Code | Susceptibility Rating |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Acacia longifolia</i>                               | Mimosaceae     | T              |                       |
| <i>Acacia paradoxa</i>                                 | Mimosaceae     | MS             |                       |
| <i>Acacia pycnantha</i>                                | Mimosaceae     | T              |                       |
| <i>Acacia suaveolens</i>                               | Mimosaceae     | MS             |                       |
| <i>Acrotriche serrulata</i>                            | Ericaceae      | PS             | S                     |
| <i>Allocasuarina misera</i>                            | Casuarinaceae  | MS             | S                     |
| <i>Amperea xiphoclada</i>                              | Euphorbiaceae  | SS             | S, FR                 |
| <i>Argentipallium (Styphelia) humifusa</i>             | Ericaceae      | SS             |                       |
| <i>Argentipallium obtusifolium</i>                     | Asteraceae     | MH             | S                     |
| <i>Austrostipa mollis</i>                              | Poaceae        | LTG            |                       |
| <i>Banksia marginata</i>                               | Proteaceae     | MS             | S                     |
| <i>Billardiera mutabilis</i>                           | Pittosporaceae | SC             |                       |
| <i>Brunonia australis</i>                              | Goodeniaceae   | SH             |                       |
| <i>Burchardia umbellata</i>                            | Colchicaceae   | MH             |                       |
| <i>Caladenia carneae</i>                               | Orchidaceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Caladenia transitoria</i>                           | Orchidaceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Caledenia venusta</i>                               | Orchidaceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Caleana major</i>                                   | Orchidaceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Cassytha glabella</i>                               | Lauraceae      | SC             |                       |
| <i>Cassytha pubescens</i> subsp.                       | Lauraceae      | SC             |                       |
| <i>Chamaescilla corymbosa</i>                          | Asphodeliaceae | SH             | S, FR                 |
| <i>Chrysocephalum baxteri</i>                          | Asteraceae     | MH             |                       |
| <i>Comesperma calymega</i>                             | Polygalaceae   | LH             |                       |
| <i>Comesperma ericinum</i>                             | Polygalaceae   | SS             |                       |
| <i>Comesperma volubile</i>                             | Polygalaceae   | SC             |                       |
| <i>Conospermum mitchellii</i>                          | Proteaceae     | MS             |                       |
| <i>Corybas incurvus</i>                                | Orchidaceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Daviesia brevifolia</i>                             | Fabaceae       | SS             | S                     |
| <i>Dianella longifolia</i>                             | Asphodelaceae  | LNG            |                       |
| <i>Dillwynia cinerascens</i>                           | Fabaceae       | SS             |                       |
| <i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>                            | Fabaceae       | SS             | S, HS                 |
| <i>Dillwynia sericea</i>                               | Fabaceae       | SS             | S, HS                 |
| <i>Drosera abberans</i>                                | Droseraceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Drosera auriculata</i>                              | Droseraceae    | MH             |                       |
| <i>Drosera pygmaea</i>                                 | Droseraceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Epacris impressa</i>                                | Ericaceae      | MS             | S, LS                 |
| <i>Eucalyptus aromaphloia</i>                          | Myrtaceae      | T              |                       |
| <i>Eucalyptus baxteri</i>                              | Myrtaceae      | T              |                       |
| <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>                              | Myrtaceae      | T              | S, LS                 |
| <i>Eucalyptus tricarpa</i>                             | Myrtaceae      | T              |                       |
| <i>Eucalyptus willisii</i>                             | Myrtaceae      | T              | S                     |
| <i>Euryomyrtus ramosissima</i> subsp. <i>prostrata</i> | Myrtaceae      | PS             |                       |
| <i>Gahnia radula</i>                                   | Cyperaceae     | LNG            |                       |
| <i>Glossodia major</i>                                 | Orchidaceae    | SH             |                       |
| <i>Gompholobium ecostatum</i>                          | Fabaceae       | SS             |                       |

| Species                                      | Family           | Life Form Code | Susceptibility Rating |
|--|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>                 | Haloragaceae     | MH             |                       |
| <i>Goodenia geniculata</i>                   | Goodeniaceae     | MH             |                       |
| <i>Goodenia lanata</i>                       | Goodeniaceae     | SH             | S                     |
| <i>Hakea decurrens</i>                       | Proteaceae       | MS             |                       |
| <i>Hakea ulicina</i>                         | Proteaceae       | MS             | S                     |
| <i>Hibbertia fasciculata var. prostrata</i>  | Dillenaceae      | SS             | S                     |
| <i>Hibbertia riparia</i>                     | Dillenaceae      | SS             | S                     |
| <i>Hibbertia sericea s.l.</i>                | Dillenaceae      | SS             |                       |
| <i>Hovea heterophylla</i>                    | Fabaceae         | SS             |                       |
| <i>Hypolaena fastigiata</i>                  | Restionaceae     | MNG            |                       |
| <i>Isolepis marginata</i>                    | Cyperaceae       | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Isopogon ceratophyllum</i>                | Proteaceae       | SS             |                       |
| <i>Lasiopetalum baueri</i>                   | Malvaceae        | MS             |                       |
| <i>Laxmannia orientalis</i>                  | Asparagaceae     | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Lepidosperma filiforme</i>                | Cyperaceae       | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>                 | Cyperaceae       | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Lepidosperma semiteres</i>                | Cyperaceae       | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Leporella fimbriata</i>                   | Orchidaceae      | SH             |                       |
| <i>Leptospermum continentale</i>             | Myrtaceae        | MS             | S                     |
| <i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>              | Myrtaceae        | MS             | S                     |
| <i>Leucopogon ericoides</i>                  | Ericaceae        | SS             |                       |
| <i>Leucopogon glacialis</i>                  | Ericaceae        | SS             |                       |
| <i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>                   | Ericaceae        | SS             | S                     |
| <i>Lindsae linearis</i>                      | Lindsaeaceae     | GF             |                       |
| <i>Lomandra filiformis</i>                   | Asparagaceae     | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Lomandra micrantha</i>                    | Asparagaceae     | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Lomandra multiflora subsp. multiflora</i> | Asparagaceae     | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Microlaena stipoides</i>                  | Poaceae          | TTG            |                       |
| <i>Monotoca scoparia</i>                     | Ericaceae        | MS             |                       |
| <i>Opercularia varia</i>                     | Rubiaceae        | SH             |                       |
| <i>Pimelia humilis</i>                       | Thymelaeaceae    | SS             |                       |
| <i>Pimelia linifolia subsp. linifolia</i>    | Thymelaeaceae    | SS             |                       |
| <i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i>              | Fabaceae         | SS             | S                     |
| <i>Pultenaea mollis</i>                      | Fabaceae         | MS             |                       |
| <i>Pteridium esculentum</i>                  | Dennstaedtiaceae | GF             |                       |
| <i>Pterostylis plumosa</i>                   | Orchidaceae      | SH             |                       |
| <i>Pyrorchis nigricans</i>                   | Orchidaceae      | SH             |                       |
| <i>Rytidosperma setaceum</i>                 | Poaceae          | MTG            |                       |
| <i>Sphaerolobium minus</i>                   | Fabaceae         | SS             |                       |
| <i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>                 | Rhamnaceae       | MS             |                       |
| <i>Tetratheca ciliata</i>                    | Elaeocarpaceae   | SS             | S                     |
| <i>Thelymitra antennifera</i>                | Orchidaceae      | SH             |                       |
| <i>Thelymitra flexuosa</i>                   | Orchidaceae      | SH             |                       |
| <i>Thelymitra pallidiflora</i>               | Orchidaceae      | SH             |                       |
| <i>Thelymitra rubra</i>                      | Orchidaceae      | SH             |                       |
| <i>Thysanotus patersonii</i>                 | Asparagaceae     | SC             |                       |
| <i>Viola cleistogamoides</i>                 | Violaceae        | SH             |                       |
| <i>Viola hederacea</i>                       | Violaceae        | SH             |                       |
| <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i>                | Ashodeliaceae    | LTG            | S, HS                 |
| <i>Xanthorrhoea minor subp. lutea</i>        | Ashodeliaceae    | MTG            | S, HS                 |
| <i>Xanthosia huegelii</i>                    | Apiaceae         | PS             |                       |
| <i>Xanthosia tasmanica</i>                   | Apiaceae         | PS             |                       |

**Table S2.** SIMPER analyses results between treatment classes.

| <b>Treatment - Uninfested</b>   |          |        |        |          |       |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Average similarity: 53.41       |          |        |        |          |       |
| Species                         | Av.Abund | Av.Sim | Sim/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i>   | 43.00    | 22.63  | 1.07   | 42.36    | 42.36 |
| <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>       | 30.77    | 10.53  | 0.90   | 19.72    | 62.08 |
| <i>Banksia marginata</i>        | 9.07     | 2.94   | 0.53   | 5.51     | 67.59 |
| <i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i> | 9.03     | 2.94   | 0.81   | 5.50     | 73.08 |

  

| <b>Treatment - Infested</b>     |          |        |        |          |       |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Average similarity: 45.87       |          |        |        |          |       |
| Species                         | Av.Abund | Av.Sim | Sim/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>       | 27.77    | 12.90  | 0.70   | 28.13    | 28.13 |
| <i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>    | 4.70     | 3.75   | 0.61   | 8.16     | 36.29 |
| <i>Gahnia radula</i>            | 6.40     | 3.67   | 0.98   | 7.99     | 44.28 |
| <i>Banksia marginata</i>        | 5.43     | 2.69   | 0.87   | 5.86     | 50.15 |
| <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i>   | 4.27     | 2.51   | 0.70   | 5.47     | 55.62 |
| <i>Isolepis marginata</i>       | 4.33     | 2.25   | 0.74   | 4.92     | 60.53 |
| <i>Lepidosperma semiteres</i>   | 4.80     | 2.02   | 0.65   | 4.40     | 64.93 |
| <i>Acrotriche serrulata</i>     | 2.87     | 1.85   | 0.93   | 4.03     | 68.96 |
| <i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i> | 2.70     | 1.75   | 0.85   | 3.81     | 72.77 |

  

| <b>Treatment – Post-infested</b> |          |        |        |          |       |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Average similarity: 46.50        |          |        |        |          |       |
| Species                          | Av.Abund | Av.Sim | Sim/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| <i>Gahnia radula</i>             | 9.80     | 7.48   | 1.35   | 16.08    | 16.08 |
| <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>        | 15.80    | 7.26   | 0.55   | 15.61    | 31.69 |
| <i>Isolepis marginata</i>        | 8.77     | 7.02   | 0.88   | 15.09    | 46.78 |
| <i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>  | 5.30     | 2.87   | 0.66   | 6.17     | 52.95 |
| <i>Lepidosperma semiteres</i>    | 5.43     | 2.85   | 0.72   | 6.12     | 59.07 |
| <i>Hypolaena fastigiata</i>      | 3.60     | 2.71   | 0.34   | 5.83     | 64.90 |
| <i>Acrotriche serrulata</i>      | 2.77     | 1.67   | 0.61   | 3.58     | 68.48 |
| <i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>     | 4.00     | 1.63   | 0.50   | 3.51     | 72.00 |

**Table S3.** SIMPER analyses results between sites.

| <b>Site 1 – Edwards Creek Track</b> |          |        |        |          |       |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Average similarity: 48.75           |          |        |        |          |       |
| Species                             | Av.Abund | Av.Sim | Sim/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| <i>Isolepis marginata</i>           | 10.17    | 6.77   | 0.79   | 13.90    | 13.90 |
| <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>           | 21.00    | 5.39   | 0.51   | 11.05    | 24.95 |
| <i>Lepidosperma semiteres</i>       | 11.63    | 5.20   | 1.28   | 10.67    | 35.62 |
| <i>Banksia marginata</i>            | 12.07    | 4.74   | 0.90   | 9.73     | 45.35 |
| <i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>     | 10.57    | 4.37   | 0.95   | 8.96     | 54.30 |
| <i>Hypolaena fastigiata</i>         | 7.70     | 3.47   | 1.00   | 7.12     | 61.42 |
| <i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i>     | 6.17     | 2.98   | 1.35   | 6.11     | 67.53 |
| <i>Gahnia radula</i>                | 4.83     | 2.85   | 0.94   | 5.84     | 73.37 |

  

| <b>Site 2 – Hurst Rd 1</b>    |          |        |        |          |       |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Average similarity: 50.41     |          |        |        |          |       |
| Species                       | Av.Abund | Av.Sim | Sim/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i> | 21.03    | 12.19  | 0.60   | 24.17    | 24.17 |
| <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>     | 24.20    | 11.68  | 0.91   | 23.17    | 47.34 |
| <i>Gahnia radula</i>          | 11.27    | 6.86   | 1.05   | 13.60    | 60.94 |
| <i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>  | 7.60     | 5.01   | 0.82   | 9.94     | 70.88 |

  

| <b>Site 3 – Hurst Rd 2</b>    |          |        |        |          |       |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Average similarity: 46.63     |          |        |        |          |       |
| Species                       | Av.Abund | Av.Sim | Sim/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>     | 29.13    | 13.62  | 0.72   | 29.22    | 29.22 |
| <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i> | 20.67    | 10.58  | 0.62   | 22.68    | 51.90 |
| <i>Gahnia radula</i>          | 5.60     | 4.28   | 1.70   | 9.18     | 61.09 |
| <i>Hypolaena fastigiata</i>   | 3.62     | 2.67   | 0.33   | 5.72     | 66.81 |
| <i>Isolepis marginata</i>     | 1.83     | 1.85   | 1.14   | 3.98     | 70.79 |