

# PROJECT SUMMARY

This report describes a project undertaken as part of the comprehensive regional assessments of forests in New South Wales. The comprehensive regional assessments (CRAs) provide the scientific basis on which the State and Commonwealth Governments will sign regional forest agreements (RFAs) for major forest areas of New South Wales. These agreements will determine the future of these forests, providing a balance between conservation and ecologically sustainable use of forest resources.

## **Project objective/s**

This project was undertaken to collect historical information on vegetation cover from a representative sample of original portion plans within parishes in the Southern CRA region.

## **Methods**

Locations (in terms of easting and northing) of tree types from each corner of each portion were collected and entered into an MSAccess database. In addition to this information, the date the survey was carried out and general vegetation information was also recorded.

## **Key results and products**

The project produced a database consisting of vegetation data from 990 portions within a representative sample of 100 parishes across the Southern CRA region of NSW. The data was provided for use in the CRA vegetation mapping project which will use this information to assist in estimating the pre-1750 extent of vegetation types/forest ecosystems.