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Large grants available to tackle weeds in Tasmania

The Tasmanian Liberal Government remains committed to supporting our farmers and landowners while protecting our primary industries and environment from damaging weeds.

Today, I was pleased to announce grants of up to \$50,000 per year (to a maximum of three years) under the Tasmanian Government's \$5 million Weeds Action Fund (WAF).

The WAF's Large Grants Program is open to eligible multi-year, large-scale projects that involve neighbouring landholders and other stakeholders in the effort to eradicate weeds that are damaging to our environment.

In turn, this will lead to significant, lasting and measurable improvements to the productivity of agricultural land and the protection of our environmental assets.

Weeds targeted in the Large Grants Program are:

- gorse
- serrated tussock
- Chilean needle grass
- African feathergrass
- African lovegrass
- Parramatta grass
- yellow burweed
- Heather
- Karamu

The WAF supports shared responsibility, and actively involves the different levels of government, landowners and the broader Tasmanian community. The WAF has been designed to ensure it delivers long lasting, strategic outcomes for weed management in Tasmania.

NRM North is doing a great job in coordinating and administering Stage 2 of the WAF, and has already delivered a small grants round totalling \$200,000 to 26 successful applicants.

Further information about the Large Grants Program is available at www.nrmnorth.org.au.

Applications close at 5pm on 5 May 2021.