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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Second round of grants to help improve farming land and waterways

Tasmania's agricultural sector is the envy of the world, employing more than 7,500 Tasmanians and contributing more than \$1.5 billion annually to our economy.

To help improve our agricultural land and protect Tasmania's reputation for clean green food, the Tasmanian majority Liberal Government partnered with the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) and Landcare Tasmania to deliver the \$1.8 million *Landcare Action Grants Program*.

The Program was created for landholders, community groups and individuals to deliver practical on-ground works for sustainable agriculture and river care activities, enhancing land management practices and reducing erosion and sedimentation.

Investing in Landcare protects our agricultural industry and waterways, sustains productive soils, and supports the Tasmanian brand as we build towards our target to grow the annual farm gate value to \$10 billion by 2050.

Opening on Saturday 1 February, round two will provide up to \$338,000 with applications open for funding requests for \$1,000 through to \$10,000.

Together with landholder in kind contributions estimated at \$270,258, the first round of the Program saw a total of \$470,867 invested in on-ground works on project activities including:

- Riparian and wetland restoration;
- Weed management;
- Protecting and revegetating habitat;
- Erosion works to improve water quality; and
- Fencing to protect and enhance biodiversity.

The Program sits alongside the \$200,000 'Cows out of Creeks' project and the Government's doubling of funding to Landcare Tasmania to \$960,000 over 4 years and increased funding for Natural Resource Management to \$4.2 million over 4 years.

Additional grant rounds under the *Landcare Action Grants Program* will be available through to 2022.

Information about the Program, including eligibility criteria and application and assessment processes are available through the TFGA at https://tfga.com.au/uploads/general/LAGs_Program_Guidelines-Rnd-Two-20.12.2019.pdf