Support for Farmers to Combat Weeds During and After Drought

Farmers in the Tasman Municipality have access to support to manage weed issues related to drought, as part of the Tasmanian Government’s Weed Action Fund, Drought and Weed Management Program. A grant program is currently open to assist farmers impacted by drought to undertake targeted weed management of species that limit agricultural production.

Applications can be submitted by email to john.hueston@tasman.tas.gov.au or delivered to Tasman Council, 1713 Main Road, Nubeena, Tasmania 7184**.**

* The grants provide rebates of up to 66% of the total approved costs for a project (with a nominal maximum of **$2500 ex GST** rebate). There is $30,000 available for farmers in the Tasman Municipality with expectations to support a minimum of 10 projects.
* If you are unsure if your project is eligible, it is recommended you apply, or contact the Tasman Council NRM Project Officer, to discuss your project. The Tasmanian Government’s Weed Action Fund will be releasing further funding rounds in 2020/21.

Please read the Municipal Drought Weeds Grants 2020 - Guidelines and Eligibility, before filling out this form. It should be noted that meeting the eligibility criteria is not a guarantee of funding (due to the limited funds available).

The submitted applications will be assessed and prioritised by the assessment panel using the Guidelines and Eligibility document.

The Tasman Council Weed Management Plan 2018-2023 outlines weed management priorities in the Tasman Municipality. Any recognised weed(s) threatening agricultural production in the Tasman Municipality may be eligible for funding support.  They could be a threat if not on the applicant’s land or even on actively farmed land.  Some weeds not currently known in the Tasman Municipality (e.g. Chilean Needlegrass) are a serious threat should they arrive here and thus may require biosecurity and planning measures or awareness raising activities to reduce the risk of their establishment.  Applications from groups of landholders for cooperative activities and projects are encouraged.

Early applications for funding support for urgent weed management may also be considered where there is a high priority, for example a serious weed incursion that needs timely action.  If you have such an issue please contact Tasman Council’s NRM Project Officer in the first instance.

For any questions, to discuss your application or to arrange a visit to your site please contact Tasman Council’s NRM Project Officer, John Hueston

Email: **john.hueston@tasman.tas.gov.au**

Phone: **(03) 6250 9205** or **0477 719 711**

# PART A: Applicant and Property Details

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| Applicant name: |  |
| Project Address: |  |
| Property ID (PID) |  |
| Postal Address:(if different from Project Address) |  |
| Contact person  |  |
| Phone Number: |  |
| Email: |  |
| ABN  |  |
| \*Registered for GST | Yes [ ]  No [ ]   |
| \*Insurance | Do you have public liability insurance Yes [ ]  No [ ]   |
| Incorporation(if applicable) | Incorporated Public Association number:  |
| **Declaration**  | [ ]  *I have read and understand the grant guidelines and eligibility and all the information I have provided in and with this application is true and complete.*[ ] \**I have evidence of being a primary producer*[ ] *>50% gross income is from primary production*Name: Date: Signature:  |

\*Copies/Details must be provided if application is successful.

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| PART B: Project DetailsTitle of the Project: |
| Drought Weed Issue(s) What drought weed issues you would like to address? (include details of weed(s) and impact/threats to agricultural productivity): |
| Drought and farm managementHas your ability to manage weeds and farm production been diminished due to drought? If so explain how:  |

# Project Description

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| * Describe the on-ground control, biosecurity measures and/or education, training and awareness activities proposed and planned follow up weed management
* Explain how the activity(s) will control, reduce the spread or prevent the emergence of drought-favoured weeds and their impact on agricultural productivity
* Describe the method(s) to be used for each activity and site
* Include individual activities and sites on the Project Map and Budget (PART C) (below).
* If requesting funds for awareness and education or weed planning activities, explain how those activities will deliver effective weed management outcomes.
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## Project Map

Please attach map with annotations showing project area and other relevant details.

e.g. activity/treatment areas and timing (if staged), assets such as fencing (existing or planned), boundaries to bush and aquatic habitat, planting areas and to other landowners.

Photographs may be attached with a brief description identifying location and direction.

If applicable, outline advice received from the drought weeds officer, a licensed weed control contractor or authorised weed officer.

# PART C: Project Budget

In sequence explain the activities, timing, the person responsible, items required (e.g. equipment, herbicide etc.), costs and in-kind contributions.

Applicant must contribute 34% of project costs through money or in-kind contribution (materials, labour etc.) Maximum $2,500 rebate (ex-GST). There is no cap on total application value. A maximum of 50% of funds sought applies for labour provided in kind by applicant.

| Activities and works timeline  | Amount of funding sought (gst exclusive) | In-kind contribution (funding, materials or labour) |
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| Total (GST exclusive) |  |  |
| Total GST applicable |  |  |
| Total Project Value (Including GST)  |  |  |

# PART D: Best Practice

## Contractors

Are you using a contractor? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes please attach a quote for the activities that they are undertaking and ensure this is included in your Project Plan and Budget. Contractors undertaking spraying must hold a Commercial Operator’s Licence for spraying. If using chemicals, the applicant agrees to use only as directed on the label. It is the user's responsibility to check that registration or an off-label permit covers the proposed use for the chemical.

## Technical Advice

What technical knowledge and experience, or advice and guidance from others, have you used to develop and plan your project?

 Name, support provided contact number organization

## Ongoing weed management

How will the proposed works be maintained into the future?

## Existing Management Plans

Does the property have a weed management plan, farm biosecurity plan, property management plan, etc. to guide the proposed activities?

Yes ☐ No ☐

 If yes, please provide name of plan (s) and date (s).

# PART E: Other Important Information

## Property Ownership

Do you own the property where the proposed activities will occur?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please provide a letter of consent from the relevant landowner or land manager approving the proposed activities to occur.

## Natural and Cultural Values and Approvals

It is the landowner’s responsibility to meet any legislative responsibilities for works on the property. Are there any works or planning approvals or permits needed for the activities?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes please provide details:

Outline how you have considered possible impact of your project’s activities on any natural or cultural heritage values?

## Future Weed Projects

Beyond this project, have you identified a need or have plans for further weed management projects that may benefit from funding support in future? A second round of Weed Action Fund grants is expected in 2020. Please provide some details of possible future projects you would like assistance with.

## Past Projects

Have you received any NRM, Landcare, Weed Action Fund or similar grants in the past 5 years?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide a brief explanation, details of amount and funding source, and when the project is due for completion: