



## Weeds in Bushfire Recovery Incentive funding 2020/21

The Central Tablelands Local Land Services (LLS) supports land managers and community in working together to build resilient communities in productive healthy landscapes. The Weeds in Bushfire Recovery project is being delivered by Central Tablelands LLS through NSW Bushfire Recovery Funding.

### About the project

The Weeds in Bushfire Recovery project provides on-ground incentives to private and public landholders in areas impacted by the 2019 - 2020 bushfires for the mitigation and control of weeds.

Landholders can apply for financial support for work involving both environmental weeds and weeds in production areas such as pastures.

All proposed works need to demonstrate a strategic or targeted approach that contributes to weed management and control in the longer term.

Priority will be given to applications that:

- Show a demonstrated impact the 2019 – 2020 bushfires
- Contain control activities associated with regional priority weed species, as identified in the [Central Tablelands Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan](#)
- Clearly demonstrate long term goals for the mitigation and control of weeds in these fire impacted areas
- Use integrated weed management activities that support the long-term mitigation and control of weed species being targeted.

**On-ground works and reporting** for successful applications must be completed by 14 May 2021.

### What assistance is available?

Through the Weeds in Bushfire Recovery project, landholders can submit applications requesting a **minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$25,000** (excl GST) for their proposed works.

Applications will be expected to demonstrate at least equal in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions can be hours of labour, supply of machinery or other materials, etc.

The maximum funding for an application is \$25,000 but this may be reduced to a smaller amount depending on the number of successful applications offered support. If funding reduction is necessary, this will be discussed and negotiated directly with applicants.





Applications for incentive funding can cover a range of on-ground activities including, but not limited to:

- Costs of undertaking weed control (contractor cost, chemical costs, labour costs)
- Development of a longer term weed management plan for property or local area, funds could be used for a contractor to assist a group to develop a local weed management plan
- Chemical card training subsidies will be considered if part of ongoing weed activities on the property
- Pasture sowing to assist in the rehabilitation of burnt established pastures to assist in long-term weed management
- All proposals will also be expected to outline what steps will be undertaken to maintain the works into the longer term

### What is the process?

1. Applications will open on **Monday 19 October 2020** and close on **Friday 6 November 2020**
2. To apply, download, complete and submit an application form via the [Central Tablelands Local Land Services website](#)
3. Each application will be assessed and ranked by an assessment panel across a range of criteria
4. Funding offers will then be made to all eligible projects (based on ranking until all funding is exhausted). Should applicants accept a funding offer, a contract will be created and signatures will be required
5. Once signed, successful applicants will be required to complete on-ground activities by the **14 May 2021** and must manage the site (as per project standards) **for a 10-year period**
6. 90% of funding amount will be paid on return of signed contract and receipt of tax invoice for the works
7. A final payment of the funding balance (10%) will be paid on the **receipt of a report** (including a statutory declaration) on completed works for the works
8. A selection of works will be visited / audited on completion

### How to apply?

#### Submit an online application via our website

Visit [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/central-tablelands/financial-assistance](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/central-tablelands/financial-assistance) to complete and submit an application.

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### Who can apply?

Landholders, both private and public, in the 2019-2020 fire impacted areas on the eastern edge of the Central Tablelands LLS region are eligible to apply for incentive funding through the Weeds in Bushfire Recovery project.

Landholders within a 50-kilometre buffer from the fire scar are also eligible.

[Click here to view an interactive map](#) of areas eligible for Weeds in Bushfire Recovery funding incentives.

All on-ground works proposed in applications must be undertaken in the Central Tablelands LLS region.

Applications can be submitted from a range of landholders including:

- Individuals or companies
- Incorporated groups, such as a Landcare group or Crown Land Reserve Trust
- State and local government agencies, for example NPWS, Forestry and local councils

