



2021-22 Bushfire Recovery Weed Management - Buffering the World Heritage Area

The Central Tablelands Local Land Services (LLS) supports land managers and community in working together to build resilient communities in productive healthy landscapes. This project is provided by Central Tablelands Local Land Services through funding from the Australian Government's Bushfire Recovery Fund.

About the project

The Bushfire Recovery Weed Management project assists private land managers to control and manage regional priority weed species on their property, and protect and buffer the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area from the spread of invasive exotic weed species.

On-ground incentives are available to eligible landowners within priority areas buffering the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area impacted by the 2019-2020 bushfires (see Figure 1 overleaf).

Projects will be supported, through incentive funding, to undertake integrated weed management activities targeting regional priority weed species on properties to provide long-term benefits.

If you are unsure whether your property is situated within the priority areas, please contact Allan Wray on 6333 2318.

What assistance is available?

The project will provide incentive funding (to a maximum of \$15,000 excl GST) to control and manage weeds within your project area and technical support for the following:

- Costs of undertaking weed control, by mechanical and chemical control techniques, include contractor cost, chemical costs, labour costs.
- Any regional priority weed species, as identified in the [Central Tablelands Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan](#), and other exotic weed species must be controlled and managed.

- Use integrated weed management activities that support the long-term mitigation and control of weed species being targeted.

What is the process?

1. Expressions of Interest (EOI) will open on **Monday 16 August 2021** and close on **Friday 10 September 2021**.
2. To apply, complete and submit an [online EOI form](#).
3. Once you have submitted your EOI, an officer will contact you to discuss your project and organise a site visit.
4. During the site visit, the officer will assist in developing your potential project. The project will be assessed to calculate the environmental benefit.
5. Information collected at the site assessment as well as value for money will be used to rank all projects received.
6. Funding offers can then be made to all eligible projects (based on ranking until all funding is exhausted). Should you accept this offer, a funding deed will be created and sent for your signature.
7. Once signed you will be required to complete on-ground activities by the due date and you must manage the site (as per project standards) for a **10 year** period.

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Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for funding you must meet the following criteria:

- your project area must be greater than **2 Ha** (The project area refers to the proposed area of management NOT area of weed infestation)
- your project must be located within priority areas buffering the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area of the Central Tablelands LLS region
- previous agreements with LLS or Catchment Management Authority must be completed
- outstanding LLS rates need to be paid
- you must have \$20 million public liability insurance
- you must be able to complete all on-ground activities by **31 May 2022**

Project standards

All projects must meet standards that relate to:

Weed control

You must control and manage any regional priority weed species listed below, as identified in the [Central Tablelands Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan](#), and other exotic weed species located in your project area for a 10 year period.

- Madeira vine (*Anredera cordifolia*)
- Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Bridal veil creeper (*Asparagus declinatus*)
- Cineraria - (*Cineraria lyratiformis*)
- Scotch/English broom (*Cytisus scoparius subsp. scoparius*)
- Honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)
- St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- Ox-eye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)
- Privet (*Ligustrum spp.*)
- African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*)
- Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*)
- Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus agg.*)
- Willow (*Salix spp.*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)

Control activities must be undertaken by mechanical and chemical control techniques.

Registered herbicides must be used according to directions on the label.

Non target native plant species must be avoided while undertaking weed control activities.

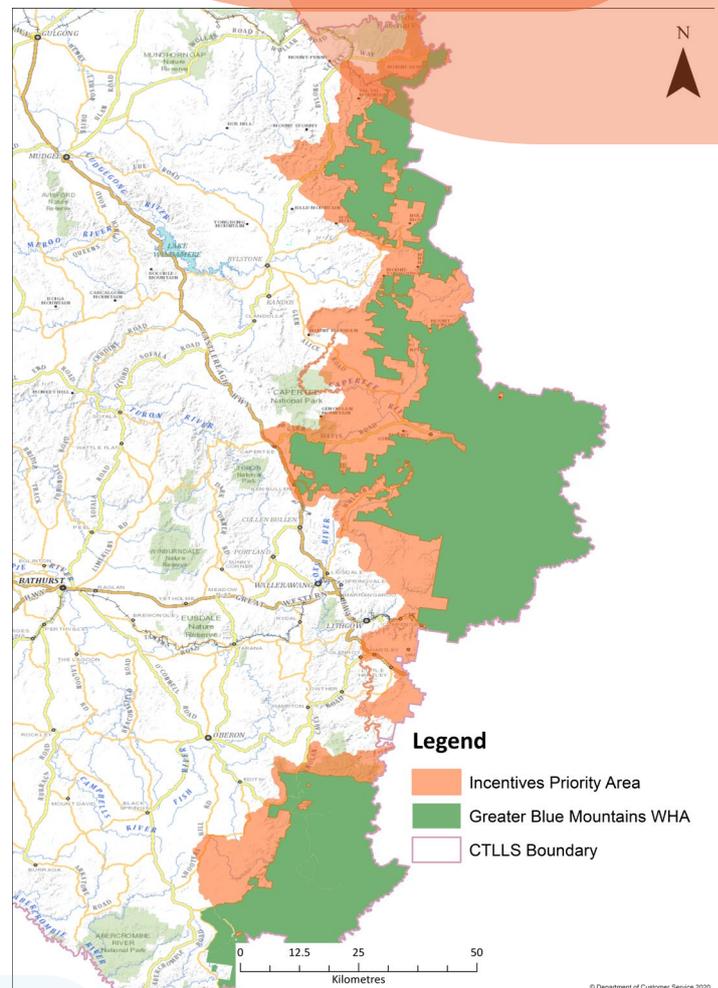


Figure 1: Priority areas - [click here for an interactive map](#)

Weed control along streams is limited to a maximum setback of 50 metres from top of bank on either side of the stream.

Grazing management

Ongoing grazing management of your project area must aim at maximising ground cover at 70% or greater.

Retaining habitat features

Including bush rock, dead standing and fallen timber within the site.

A comprehensive list of the project standards is available on our website and will be discussed with you during the site visit.

How to apply?

Submit an Expression of Interest via our website – visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/central-tablelands/financial-assistance to complete and submit an online Expression of Interest.