



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear,

Re: Control of blackberry and woody weeds on fire-affected properties

Several landholders in your locality have expressed interest in using the opportunities created by the fire in February to control some of their weeds. We have identified some target areas and I am writing to all the landholders to seek their involvement in the project.

The fires destroyed many of the blackberry patches and killed many woody weeds. It is now easier to get into areas previously infested with weeds. However, the fires have promoted germination and growth of weeds, and plants are now growing strongly. This is the ideal time to use herbicides to control them. Control this year will have a big impact on the abundance of weeds; follow up control and even elimination from your property should be much easier over the next few years.

The Department of Primary Industries is administering some of the Federal Government's Caring for our Country fire recovery funding. Some of this funding is being used to employ contractors to spray weeds. The weeds covered by this program are:

Blackberry	Sweet Briar
Gorse	Bulbil Watsonia
Broome	Holly
Hawthorn	

Please note that this funding is for one year only. As part of any agreement with you, you will be required to follow up with control over the next few years, to make the most of the opportunity presented by the fire and funding.

Enclosed is a list of contractors and details of the procedures we will be following. If you would like more information or would like to participate in this programme, please contact me on the numbers below.

Yours sincerely,

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