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Mr David Hogan
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31st July 2018

Dear David,

Re: Landcare Component of Managing Established Pest Animals and Weeds Project

As you may be aware, NSW Department of Primary Industries are currently leading the implementation of the Australian Government funded *Managing Established Pest Animals and Weeds Project* (MEPAAW).

Landcare NSW has been engaged by NSW DPI to deliver a specific component of the MEPAAW project over the 2018-2019 financial year. While the overarching project is managed by NSW DPI, this component will be specifically managed by Landcare NSW, and is conducted under the auspices of the Joint Management Committee of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW.

This project provides an opportunity to further build partnerships between Landcare, land managers, Government agencies and Local Government to improve the delivery of collaborative management actions targeting established pest animals and weeds across NSW.

With the development of Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plans and Regional Strategic Weed Management Plans, this project is timely in providing an opportunity to contribute to the development of local management plans under these overarching plans, by identifying local delivery actions that meet both meet regional goals and the goals of the MEPAAW project.

Landcare NSW is committed to supporting the community to build partnerships with Local Land Services to meet regional pest and weed control outcomes and as such, seeks your support in working with us to assist in delivering the project in your region.

The aims of the project are to identify and deliver a number of activities across each of the 11 Local Land Services regions that lead to increased uptake of current best management practice for invasive species management.

It is our hope that through your involvement in the project we can ensure that this is done so in a way that not only meets local needs, but also delivers against identified priorities within the Regional Strategic Pest Animal and Weed Plans.

The project will be delivered utilising a four-step collaborative approach;

- **Step 1:** Development of relationships with regional staff to identify existing local actions, plans or priorities. This process will also allow for identification and delivery of complementary program activities where appropriate and reduce duplication of effort by Landcare, Local Land Services and other project partners.
- **Step 2:** Development and delivery of 11 regional stakeholder workshops to identify and link local needs and gaps with regional priorities.
- **Step 3:** Development of local activity plans that link to the Regional Strategic Pest Animal and Weed plans based on the outcomes of Steps 1 and 2.
- **Step 4:** Determine activities to be funded under the broader MEPAAW program, and support the delivery of these and where possible other activities identified through the processes above.

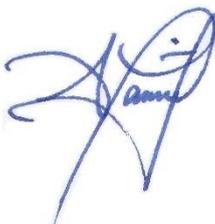
The project will complement the development and implementation of current regional strategic pest animal and weed management plans by supporting activities that promote best practice management of established pest animals and widespread weeds. The intention of this project is to identify local needs, add value to existing activities, and address gaps that may not currently be resourced.

Landcare NSW would like to ask you to help us engage with your staff locally by nominating a key Officer in your region to assist the Project Facilitator with logistical support for the organising, promotion and running of the regional workshops. This may be the Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator or other appropriate staff member. It is proposed that the regional workshops will be held throughout August, September and October 2018. To assist in preparation for these could you please provide the contact details of your representative to Bec Ballard, Project Facilitator via email pestlures@gmail.com by **Tuesday 7th August 2018**.

Information and regular updates will be provided to you, your management team, your local weed and pest animal committee and the Joint Management Committee throughout the implementation of the project.

If you would like additional information please contact Sonia Williams, State Landcare Facilitator on 0411 113 590 or email swilliams@landcarensw.org.au

Yours Faithfully,



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