

Cooperative weed management and local government: a story from the east coast of Tasmania

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Summary The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council endorsed the initial Weed Management Plan in 2000. It was initiated and overseen by the Glamorgan Spring Bay Landcare Committee, a section 24 Special Committee of Council under the *Tasmanian Local Government Act 1993*. The Landcare Committee over time evolved to become the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Committee which has been the driving force behind the implementation of the weed management plan since that time.

The weed management plan, in its various incarnations, has been both a strategic document as well as a detailed action plan. The current review process, as was the case during its development and previous

review, will involve key stakeholders including the State Government. Over the many years of implementation a strong relationship has developed between the NRM Committee, the slowly but surely increasing team of staff from the Council involved in weed management, the State Government, key stakeholders and many in the community.

Much has been achieved and many challenges have been overcome. This poster takes us through some of the challenges of engaging local government and its constituents in a cooperative approach to weed management. We consider the pitfalls and successes, and how it is that we have managed to achieve so much yet still have so far to go.