



LANDCARE LED BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS

The Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley has announced a landmark \$14million for Landcare led bushfire recovery projects in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and South Australia. The funding will support landcare bushfire recovery projects in seven government designated bushfire regions impacted by the Black Summer bushfires of 2019/2020.

Facilitated by the Australian Government, the grants program will manage grants for local, regional and national activities supporting bushfire recovery for fire-affected plant and animal species, ecological communities, and natural assets, including Ramsar listed wetlands and World Heritage listed sites.

The Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grants will provide eligible local Landcare Groups, environment networks, and community groups with access to grant funding up to \$50,000, and as larger partnerships, projects of up to \$300,000. The funding will also include \$4million available for projects that will benefit forests and coastal ecosystems in the East Gippsland bushfire impacted region.

National Landcare Network Chief Executive Officer Jim Adams said that the \$14million bushfire grants program will be delivered by a ground-breaking alliance between the National Landcare Network, the Landcare peak bodies in Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and South Australia, together with Landcare Australia.

“The Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grants program will be co-delivered by all the Landcare organisations who will work together to drive and coordinate a wide range of quality, on-ground projects over the next 12 months for community landcare.

Dr Shane Norrish, Chief Executive Officer for Landcare Australia said that the Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grants will benefit landscape restoration, improve biodiversity and support community resilience.

“The grants program will mobilise, build capacity, increase participation and support for landcare networks and groups, farmers and landowners, Traditional Owners, and other groups involved in community led environmental activities. The grants program is an opportunity to share knowledge, network and learn with experts, their peers, industry, and community members.”

Further information including the grant guidelines and useful tips on to apply will be made available in early May.

Your Landcare contact for further information

For Landcare groups that are interested in applying for the grants and are current members of a State or Territory Landcare organisation, please contact your Landcare peak body as listed below for further information.

For other organisations and groups, including Traditional Owners, environmental NGOs, government agencies, community groups, individual farmers and landowners who are interested in applying for the grants, please contact Landcare Australia.

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