

Good Neighbour Program

Neighbours working together on the public – private interface to control invasive species

About The Program

Invasive weeds and animals have a significant impact on Victoria's natural environment, often affecting the productivity of land.

Weeds and pest animals do not recognise the boundary between public and private land, so addressing this challenge requires a cooperative approach between government and the community. That's why the Good Neighbour Program was started in the early 1990s.

The Good Neighbour Program is run by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and Parks Victoria (PV).

The aim is to provide a coordinated and prioritised approach to treating invasive weeds and pest animals on public land where it adjoins private land.

Each year over 200 projects are delivered across public land on the DEECA and Parks Victoria estate— Invasive species such as Rabbit, Fox, Gorse, Serrated Tussock, Prickly Pear, and many other species.

Program Objectives

The objectives of the program are to:

- Align project priorities to control Invasive species including new and emerging along the public and private land interface with the Invasive Plants and Animals Policy Framework (IPAPF)
- Strengthen partnerships with local communities by taking account of community priorities for weeds and pests.
- Support community driven programs and compliance programs on adjoining private land by prioritising complimentary projects.
- Engage with other natural resource management agencies to ensure an integrated approach is adopted to invasive species.



Serrated Tussock East Gippsland, Victoria – Photo by M. Birluson

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Supporting Landowners

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting landowners on the public – private boundary through the Good Neighbour program. The focus is on complementing your weed and pest control efforts to prevent the spread of invasive species across Victoria, protect your business and sustain our natural assets.

Invasive species on either side of the boundary fence reduce farming profitability and enjoyment of the natural environment. By tackling the problem together, we can help to make land more viable and sustainable in the future.

For more information about the Good Neighbour Program or to discuss potential project opportunities in your area speak with your regional DEECA office or Good Neighbour coordinator.

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Protect the environment and help stop invasive species impacting on our land's sustainability.



Opal Flower Grampians, Victoria - Photo by J. Melling

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