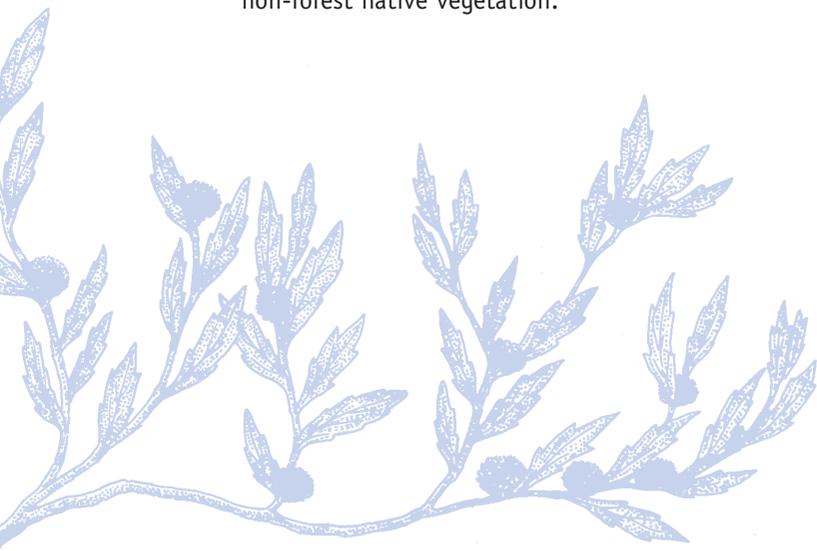


## Partnerships with Local Government

The Resource Management and Planning System provides the capacity for Local Government to make decisions on developments affecting native vegetation. Under the NFV Project the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment will work with local government to ensure consistency and accuracy of decisions relating to threatened non-forest native vegetation. Improved information, decision support systems and training will lead to enhanced protection of Tasmania's threatened non-forest native vegetation.



Non-Forest Vegetation Project

# PROTECTING TASMANIA'S THREATENED NON-FOREST NATIVE VEGETATION

The Non-forest Vegetation (NFV) Project is a new three-year initiative by government to build partnerships with landowners in managing threatened non-forest native vegetation. This includes some of our native grasslands, heathlands, wetlands and scrubs.

The Non-forest Vegetation Project will:

- Assist landowners to develop voluntary property-based vegetation management plans.
- Enable landowners to enter formal but voluntary vegetation management agreements.
- Assist landowners with formal vegetation management agreements to access funding for natural resource management works.
- Work with local government to improve consistency in landuse decision making.
- Provide information, decision support systems and training for non-forest vegetation management planning.
- Work with other government landuse decision makers (eg. farm dams approval processes) to achieve more integrated approvals processes.
- Improve protection and management of threatened non-forest native vegetation on public land.



## How to find out more or have input



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## Non-forest Native Vegetation

Non-forest vegetation is an important part of Tasmania's natural and cultural heritage. In some cases it plays an important role in supporting agricultural production, such as the wool industry.

When we talk about non-forest native vegetation we are referring to vegetation types or plant communities that are treeless, such as native grasslands (often called native pastures), heathlands, wetlands, and scrubs that are less than 5m in height.

Plant communities are combinations of plant species that occur together in a particular habitat. The project will focus on plant communities rather than every occurrence of individual species, although the management of threatened species habitat will be achieved by the approach.

## Threatened Non-Forest Native Vegetation

Some non-forest vegetation types have become threatened in the past 200 years. These are vegetation types that are rare (with a total range of less than 1000 hectares), vulnerable (10-30% of original area remaining) or endangered (less than 10% of original area remaining). These are at risk of extinction in the future. This project will focus on threatened plant communities, not all non-forest vegetation.



## Partnerships with Landholders

The Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment is working with landholder groups to build this project in a way that will benefit all.

Voluntary property-based vegetation management agreements (VMAs) based on vegetation management plans are the key tools that will help the future sustainable management of threatened non-forest native vegetation. They will enable landowners to negotiate options for maintaining threatened vegetation in the context of their whole property, and will provide management security during the term of the agreement.

Other possible benefits of entering into a VMA could be:

- Exemption from existing and future vegetation clearing provisions in local government planning schemes.
- Streamlined approvals for other land use assessment processes.
- Greater capacity to meet market-based accreditation standards.
- Enhanced access to Natural Resource Management funding for onground works (fencing, weed management etc).