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To Whom It May Concern,

**Subject:** High Threat Weed list review (manageable weeds) – Invitation to participate in survey

Background Information

The Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) is established under section 6.7 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* for the purpose of assessing certain impacts on threatened entities, their habitats, and biodiversity values. The BAM is currently under revision for further improvement.

The assessment of how much biodiversity values may improve through management for conservation includes a risk weighting where High Threat Weed (HTW) species are present on the land to be managed as an offset site. This risk weighting is scaled based on the extent of HTW cover, and acts to reduce the amount of gain that can be achieved, on the premise that HTWs can be extremely difficult to effectively manage.

However, there is a solid body of evidence that some HTW species are capable of being managed effectively with specific management practices that are repeated over time. Therefore, the current HTW list is under review to identify those HTWs which are capable of being successfully managed by actions set out in the management plan.

Survey – Invitation to Participate

To assist us with the review, the Department is inviting ecologists, bush regenerators, land managers, local control authorities and government agencies with expertise in weed management to participate in a survey to identify species on the HTW list that can be effectively managed. We will use your feedback from this survey to inform the review of the current HTW list, which will contribute to delivering better conservation outcomes.

The survey will be run via SurveyMonkey, from Monday 24 August 2020 to Friday 4 September 2020. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this important survey, please promptly provide contact details to Dr. Julian Wall from 2rog Consulting Pty Ltd via email ([jwall@2rog.com.au](mailto:jwall@2rog.com.au)). Thank you for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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