



## Media Release



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### **Additional funding for Green Triangle habitat restoration**

ForestrySA will receive \$115,000 for habitat restoration and regional biodiversity corridor works, thanks to a State Government Natural Resource Management initiative.

The funding will be distributed through Complementary State Natural Resource Management Program, via the South East Natural Resources Management Board.

This announcement follows last month's announcement that ForestrySA would receive \$135,000 from the Federal Government - as part of its latest round of *Caring for Our Country* open grant scheme – for similar works.

ForestrySA currently actively manages over 12,000 hectares of native forests in 50 native forest reserves, for both conservation and recreation, in the Green Triangle.

ForestrySA already has in place a five year weed management strategy, and is currently developing a GIS weed database to ensure the monitoring and mapping of weeds of significance is efficiently documented and reported.

Both grants are complementary and will largely be used to enhance the strategic mapping and removal of weeds from areas of native vegetation within the ForestrySA estate.

This new funding will enable ForestrySA to extend its existing conservation programs, with additional resources being directed to habitat restoration, weed control within native vegetation, wetlands and newly established biodiversity corridors.

It will also fund a project manager to oversee on-ground works over a six month period.

Operations Policy and Projects Manager Ms Jan Newport said ForestrySA was delighted with the latest funding announcement.

“As the largest manager of native forest and as manager of key wetlands in the South East, ForestrySA is privileged to receive this funding to enable it to make an even bigger contribution to the protection of biodiversity values in the Green Triangle,” Ms Newport said.

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