

# Southern Tasmania

## Weed control contractors

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This list has been developed to make it easier for southern land managers to contact professional weed control operators qualified and skilled at controlling environmental, pasture and woody weeds.

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### Landholder/ Community group Check List

#### Competencies

- DPIPWE Commercial Operators License
- DPIPWE Chemical Users Certificate
- Chemcert accreditation
- Demonstrated previous experience on desired or closely related weed species
- Field hygiene training
- Pre and Post-site washdown procedures and protocols

#### Other issues

- Price (herbicide and hourly rate)
- Meet contractor on-site
- Consider writing a 'Letter of engagement'

## CREATIVE CONCEPTS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

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**Public & Products Liability Insurance:** \$20 million

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### Equipment:

8 tonne crew cab with 1000 L tank, hand gun and boom application  
2 x 2x4 and 4x4 vehicles with 200 L truck Pacs, 2 x 4x4 ATVs with 120 L capacity tanks  
2 x 15 L backpacks  
4x4 John Deere 3320 72' mid mount deck & 60' rear mount slasher  
Massey Ferguson 3065 4x4 tractor with 9 m extension boom flail head mulching mower  
10 x Stihl FS350 clearance saws, 1 x Stihl extension brushcutter, 1 x Stihl 044M chainsaw, 1 x Stihl 026C chainsaw

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### Qualifications:

DPIW Commercial Operators Licence, DPIW Chemical User Certificates of Competency  
Employees accredited in TRIBT ChemCert (Tas), RUA 2005-06-07-08-09-10, SGS Contractor training

### Experience:

- Current 5 year vegetation control contract with Glenorchy City Council
  - Current weed spraying contract with Clarence City Council
  - Previous 3 year contract with Hobart City Council
  - Preferred supplier vegetation control (Hobart Water)
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### Speciality Areas:

- Willow control – Currently working with Glenorchy City Council controlling Crack Willow throughout city rivulet systems
  - Difficult access sites – ATV 4x4 bikes with 120 L spray tanks for spot & boom spraying
  - Road traffic management – Accredited BCC 1014A Control Construction Traffic
  - Large scale mechanical control – Large capacity tractors with “reach” mulching head
  - Working with/for community groups – Working with Glenorchy City Council in conjunction with Work for the Dole
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**Seasonal Availability:** Available all year

## FERAL MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$10 million  
**Professional Indemnity Insurance:** \$5 million

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### Equipment:

Landcruiser spray rigs, 7 metre boom, remote control boom controllers, foam marker system, dual tanks (200 L + 300 L), CDA quick hitch (two heads 4.2 metre coverage), QuikSpray reel with up to 300 metre low friction nylon hose, high flow backpack filler system, 1 tonne crane, GPS plotter, shrouded maintenance spray equipment, 10 metre boomless jets  
4WD high clearance tractor spray rig, Iseki 70 hp high clearance 4WD, 7 metre boom, 10 metre boom, foam marker, GPS plotter, Dual tanks (200 L + 600 L), Shrouded maintenance spray equipment, QuikSpray unit with up to 300 metre hose, 10m boomless jets  
Quad bike spray rigs (Suzuki 450cc Eigers), 70 L rear tanks, 50 L forward tank, CDA (quick hitch), Handgun 50 metre remote control,  
All terrain quad tankers with QuikSpray reels (400 L tank, QuikSpray reel with 300 metre low friction nylon hose, 7 metre boom, shrouded split spray rig)  
Community weed control equipment (20 x 15 L backpacks, numerous 2 L pump bottles, PPE, comprehensive 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, mapping hardware/software, digital camera, GPS units, 14 ft inflatable)  
Can provide single labourers or a crew size of 4 (Hilux) or 8 (Landcruiser Troop Carrier)

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### Qualifications:

DPIW Commercial Operators Licence, DPIW Chemical User Certificate of Competency, Degree in Applied Science (Plant Physiology), Certificate of Horticulture, member of Tasmanian Ground Sprayers Association

### Experience:

- 5 years providing weed management advice to community, industry and government
  - Currently undertaking a number of eradication programs in Australia
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### Speciality Areas:

- Provision of technical advice/weed management plans
  - Research and development
  - Aquatic weed control
  - GPS/GIS includes data collection, storage and map production
  - Difficult access and remote area
  - Road traffic management
  - Weed management training workshops (community/industry/government)
  - Sensitive sites
  - Working with/for community groups
  - Willow control
  - Mine rehabilitation
  - Offshore island weed control activities
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**Seasonal Availability:** Low availability during January

## COMPANY NAME: Garry Witzerman Contracting

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$10 million

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### Equipment:

- 1 x brush cutter
  - 4 x chainsaw
  - 1 x petrol drill
  - full range of hand tools
  - 1 x 2WD utility
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### Qualifications:

Owner and employees have various tickets including Chemcert, Chainsaw Operators, Tree Falling, White Card, Traffic Control.

### Experience:

Business operating since 1998 working with various local councils, PWS, and community groups. Owner former PWS Ranger.

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### Speciality Areas:

Seeding and Crack Willow control and eradication  
Walking Track construction and maintenance.

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**Seasonal Availability:** All year

## GREENING AUSTRALIA TASMANIA

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$20 million  
**Professional Indemnity Insurance:** \$5 million

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### Equipment:

Twin hose ute mounted spray unit  
Chainsaws, brushcutters, cordless drills  
Backpack spray units  
Axes, loppers, pruning saws, brush hooks  
3 x Hilux utes, trailers, direct seeder, mound plough

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### Qualifications:

DPIW Commercial Operators Licence, DPIW Chemical User Certificates of Competency

### Experience:

- Integrated weed management has been a major component of our work in Tasmania for almost ten years
  - Major weed control contracts with Department of Defence, DIER, and private land holders
  - Considerable experience controlling weeds at high conservation significance sites, including threatened species sites
  - Our interest is working towards a healthy, diverse and productive environment, and so we strive to use best practice methods that are sensitive to the requirements of each site
  - Greening Australia also specializes in project management
  - We have prepared a range of weed strategies for various clients. We have a good understanding of strategic weed control and it's implementation
  - Many of Greening Australia's projects involve high-level community engagement aimed at getting the best result for the environment by pooling knowledge, resources and enthusiasm
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### Speciality Areas:

- Willow control - Currently project managing a large landscape scale project in the Derwent Catchment. Willow control forms a major component of this work
  - GPS/GIS Capability - Currently upgrading to ArcGIS 9. Daily use of GPS and GIS systems for the last six years, including mapping for the WoNS Program among others.
  - Difficult access sites - Have worked at difficult access sites including remote Bass Strait islands and the South West Wilderness area. Excellent track record with regard to OH&S, and we have a 'working in remote areas policy'. Most staff at GAT relish the opportunity to work in remote and difficult sites. However, we are not equipped/qualified for work requiring ropes.
  - Road traffic management - Have carried out weed control along State managed roads for a number of years. Our staff have specialist training and abide by the Traffic Control at Work Sites Code of Practice
  - Sensitive sites - One of our main areas of expertise. We have recently carried out weed control works at a range of threatened species, cultural heritage sites, proximity to waterways, and sites with high risk of erosion
  - Working with/for community groups - An integral part of our business. Our Mission states: To engage the community in vegetation management to protect and restore the health, diversity and productivity of our unique Australian Landscape. We have worked extensively with community, particularly rural landholders and currently have a number of projects involving school groups and urban communities
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**Seasonal Availability:** Given adequate notice, we are available all year round, although currently most of our weed control is carried out in Autumn and Spring

## LANDSCAPE, WEED CONTROL & ASPHALT SERVICES

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$10 million  
**Professional Indemnity Insurance:** \$500,000

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### **Equipment:**

2 x Quik Spray units, 100 metre hose reels  
8 metre boom  
2 x 4WD vehicles

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### **Qualifications:**

DPIW Commercial Operators Licence, DPIW Chemical User Certificates of Competency

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### **Experience:**

- Fifteen years specialising in woody and noxious weed spraying
  - Five year government contract for 2500 km of State-Federal roads
  - Five years working for Launceston City and other councils
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### **Speciality Areas:**

- Aquatic weed control
  - Difficult access sites
  - Road traffic management
  - Large scale weed control
  - Sensitive sites
  - Working for/with community groups
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**Seasonal Availability:** Available all year

## PRACTICAL ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION CONSULTING

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$10,000,000

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### **Equipment:**

4WD, trailer, small excavator, tip truck, 100L spray-tank, knapsack sprayer, chainsaw, brush-cutter, hand-held GPS, assorted hand tools.

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### **Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Arts (major in Geography & Environmental studies) and Honours Degree (Geography & Environmental Studies vegetation management), examining the success of revegetation methods in rural Tasmania.

Drivers Licence, ChemCert Certificate, Chainsaw Licence, Tree Fellers Licence, Level 2 First Aid Certificate, Four Wheel Drive Course completed, Defensive Driving Course completed, Traffic Controllers Licence.

### **Experience:**

Seven years experience in practical bush regeneration, weed control and environmental rehabilitation consulting.

- Broad experience in weed management plan writing and implementation.
- Skilled in the on-ground identification of native and exotic plant species.
- Weed mapping capabilities (hand-held GPS).
- Good knowledge of relevant State and Commonwealth weed legislation and resources.
- Compliance with the Tasmanian Washdown Guidelines for Weed and Disease Control.

Practical experience in the implementation and management of a large range of weed control projects including:

- Cutting and painting of gorse, boxthorn, hawthorn and other woody weed complexes.
- Willow removal.
- Broad-scale spraying of numerous weed populations including thistles, Spanish heath, gorse, boneseed and boxthorn.
- Experience in supervising the safe removal of woody weed populations by earth moving equipment.

Extensive experience in working with and managing people within the sphere of weed control and native bush rehabilitation works, through:

- Leading and supervising bush regeneration and weed control teams
- Teaching and training of weed control methods
- Liaison with members of the public regarding weed control works on public and private land.

Previous clients include the Department of Defence, TankEffect, Hobart City Council, Huon Valley Council, and Kingborough Council.

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### **Speciality Areas:**

Roadside Weed Control. Bushland Weed Control. Rehabilitation of native ecosystems.

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### **Seasonal Availability:**

All year

## REGNANS ENVIRO CONTRACTING (change of management as of Jan 2011)

**Contact:** Karen Bennett or Justin Hawkins  
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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$10 million

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### Equipment:

4 x Stihl FS 350 brushcutters, 2 x chainsaws, Stihl petrol drill/auger  
2 x 4WD utes, trailer  
300 L spray unit (motorised 12V), 50 L spray unit (motorised 12 V), 500 L water tank  
4 x 15 L knapsack sprayers  
Fall restraint equipment  
Various hand tools

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### Qualifications:

DPIW Commercial Operators Licence, DPIW Chemical User Certificates of Competency, Certificate III in Conservation & Land Management, ChemCert, Chainsaw licence, Work Safely on Roofs, Rope & Rappelling Safety Techniques

### Experience:

- Established 2004
  - Contract weed management in Urban Bushland for Hobart City Council, Kingborough Council, Clarence City Council, Derwent Valley Council, Huon Valley Council, DIER, DPIW, Parks & Wildlife, Landcare and Coastcare Groups, Private Landholders.
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### Speciality Areas:

- Willow control – Huon/Kingborough Landscape Linkages (Biolinks) Project and councils
  - Aquatic weed control - Lauderdale Wetlands, Kangaroo Bay Rivulet, Kingston Wetlands
  - GPS/GIS capability - Weed mapping
  - Difficult access sites - Cornelian Bay (Spider Lift), brushcutting embankments (fall restraint), Cartwright Reserve & Knocklofty Reserve (work from crane)
  - Sensitive sites - good hygiene and plant ID practices
  - Working for/with community groups - Hobart City Council Bushcare supervisor, school group plantings
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**Seasonal Availability:** Available all year

**NOTE:** Change of management. Check above details with Karen and Justin prior to engaging for works.



## ROAD & LAND REHAB

**Contact:** Bruce Knight  
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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$10 million

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### **Equipment:**

Meri Crusher  
Smaller tractor with mulcher (slasher) 2.5 metre cut  
Logging forwarder

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### **Experience:**

- We have been using the Meri Crusher for seven years, crushing gorse, woody weeds and scrub
  - We have recently completed jobs for Aurora and Devonport council
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### **Speciality Areas:**

- Willow control - physical removal and burning
  - GPS/GIS capability
  - Difficult access sites - some sites can be made more accessible using the Meri Crusher to gain access to those areas
  - Road traffic management - this can be provided
  - Large scale mechanical control - this is our main method of clearing. The Meri Crusher is used with a high horsepower tractor to reduce infestations of gorse to mulch and tear up the root system to a depth of 7.5 – 10 cm. This then allows the area to be managed by normal agriculture or ground equipment e.g. ATV, cultivators, tractors, hand spray equipment, etc.
  - Sensitive sites - We can arrange skilled labour or can arrange team leaders with your own labour to do these sites
  - Working for/with community groups.
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**Seasonal Availability:** Available all year

## Statewide Enviro-Weed Control

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$20 million  
**Products Liability Insurance:** \$20 million

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### Equipment:

1 x 4x4 flat tray, fitted with 600 lt tank and twin 100 m Quick spray hose reels.

Accessories: 6 m spray boom for parks and reserves. Protective man cage for urban street spraying and roadside verges.

1 x 4.5 ton truck, fitted with 2000 lt tank and twin 200 m Quick spray hose reels for greater access and productivity.

Accessories: 1-3 m spray boom for Roadside Shoulders/Verges. Protective man cage for urban street spraying and roadside verges.

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### Qualifications:

- Successfully completed farm chemical accreditation Course
- Category 3 Chemical users Certificate of Competency
- Horticultural 3 Certificate
- Traffic Control/Traffic Control construction
- Work place 2- Senior First Aid
- Completed training course in Weed Management and Disease Hygiene in World Heritage Areas.

### Experience:

- 8 years with DPIWE as Technical Officer Grade 3 Gaining extensive experience in Agricultural Chemicals and there application
  - Establishment of Herbicide Demonstration sites for the control of Noxious Weeds
  - Establishment of Trial sites for the registration of Selective Chemicals in Food Crops
  - 3 Years high volume Weed control with commercial business
  - 2 Years Marine Environment (DPIWE) Extensive Aquatic Weed Control (Spartina A)
  - 3 Years Supervisor Weed management Civil Construction Corporation – Works Infrastructure
  - 2004 Establishment of Company Statewide Enviro-Weed Control as Managing Director
  - Current Contracts: Hobart City Council, Wellington Park Trust, Glenorchy City Council, Derwent valley Council, Kingborough Council, Hydro Tas, Norske Skoge. Incorporating Urban and highly sensitive environmental weed control (Spanish Heath, Gorse, Broom, Crack Willow, Bone Seed, Blackberry and other Weeds Of National Significance).
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### Speciality Areas:

- A high standard of Environmental and Aquatic Weed Control
  - Industrial and Domestic High and Low volume Chemical application.
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**Seasonal Availability:** Available all year.

## STATEWIDE FOREST SERVICES PTY LTD

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$20 million

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### Equipment:

Cat D5M Dozer - Clearing of scrub, rough ground spraying (8 metre boom), ground ripping (3 tine, 800 millimetre depth)

Cat D7R Dozer - Clearing, mounding

2 x Komatsu 228 High Wide (excavator) - Clearing/raking, mulching

Hyundai 6 ton digger - Landscaping, full range of buckets, hydraulic thumb

Valtra 900 (90 hp) Tractor - roadside slashing, deck slashing, spraying (inter-row/2 metre; broadacre/8 metre), grader blade for fire break maintenance

Ahwi FM600 hydraulic mulcher - Forestry, landscaping, land clearing, roadside clearing, site preparation, composting, stump grinding 5-15 centimetres into the soil, grinding standing trees to ground level

Valtra 8050 (110 hp) tractor - roadside slashing, deck slashing, spraying 8 metre boom, grader blade for fire break maintenance

Bombardier - this machine is great for getting gear into those hard to get places, diesel motor  
4 x Quick Spray units

Brushcutters

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**Qualifications:** DPIW Commercial Operators Licence, DPIW Chemical User Certificates of Competency

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### Speciality Areas:

- Brushcutting and spot spraying of weeds

## TASFLORA

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**Public Liability Insurance:** \$10 million  
**Products Liability Insurance:** \$10 million  
**Professional Indemnity Insurance:** \$1 million

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### **Equipment:**

Chainsaws, brushcutters and secateurs for cut and paint work  
Petrol drill for willow poisoning  
Individual backpacks for isolated spot spraying  
400 L 4WD mounted spray tank

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### **Qualifications:**

DPIW Commercial Operators Licence, staff have Category 3 Chemical User Certificates and Chainsaw tickets, both managers have Bachelor of Science degrees in Botany/Environmental Science. We employ qualified workers with extensive knowledge of native plant species, weed identification and environmental management practices. All staff are trained in appropriate weed removal techniques, and all work is supervised to ensure quality control

### **Experience:**

- Tasflora has seven years' experience in revegetation and weed control activities in urban and bushland areas, and conservation areas where it is important to retain native vegetation whilst eradicating weeds
  - Tasflora has undertaken onground work for a range of Councils and private businesses throughout Tasmania. We specialise in woody weed control in bushland and riparian areas
  - We use both chemical and mechanical weed control methods, including hand and machine spraying, selective cut-and-paint, hand removal and brushcutter/chainsaw removal
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### **Speciality Areas:**

- Sensitive sites - chemical and mechanical woody weed control in bushland and riparian areas, including hand and machine spraying, selective cut-and-paint, hand removal and brushcutter/chainsaw removal
  - Written reports, including botanical surveys, weed management plans and provision of vegetation management advice
  - Recommendations for site-specific plant species for revegetation activities
  - Recommendations for weed control (including spraying, selective cut-and-paint, hand removal and brushcutter/chainsaw removal)
  - Identification of any other site management requirements (e.g. irrigation, erosion control, track construction/maintenance)
  - Identification of any safety, health and environment (SHE) issues
  - Development of realistic budgets and practical timetables for implementation
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**Seasonal Availability:** Available for weed control work year-round