

Meet the National Willows Taskforce...



The National Willows Taskforce was established in August 2005 in order to facilitate progress towards the National Willows Strategic Plan (NWS).

The role of the National Willows Taskforce is to:

- Coordinate the implementation of the NWS and monitor progress.
- Coordinate specific planning activities necessary to achieve progress on the goals and actions identified in the NWS.
- Provide guidance, direction, policy advice and funding priorities for the management of willows through implementation of the NWS.
- Identify new issues and priorities for the management of willows and provide information on new strategic directions.
- Identify and set priorities for funding and identify funding sources consistent with the goals outlined in the National Strategy.
- Participate in an annual review of the National Strategy and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Report annually on progress against the NWS to the Australian Weeds Committee and all key stakeholders.
- Establish linkages between all levels of government, regional bodies and other stakeholders.
- Encourage national action and raise the profile of willows across Australia.
- Set a benchmark by which success may be measured for identified indicators such as legislation status, mapping, control activity and community awareness.

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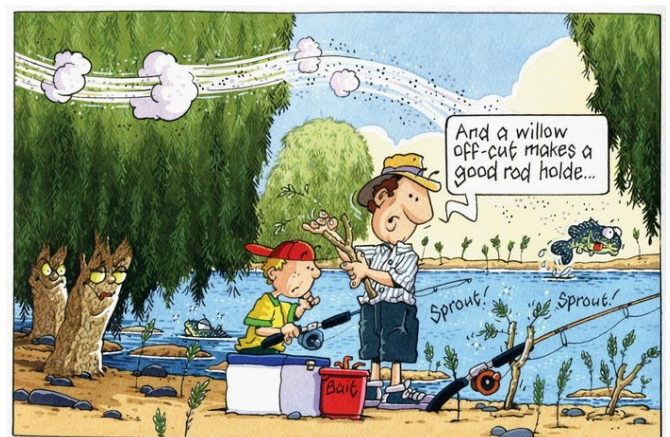
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