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Land and biodiversity at a time of climate change.

Submission in response to the DSE White Paper June 2007 by ACCA Landcare Group.

Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare group is a volunteer organization with 100 members and was started in February 2007. Our aim is as the name suggests to look after Andersons Creek which flows into the Yarra River at Warrandyte. The Creek flows mainly through private land but also through about 3 km of Warrandyte State Park and DSE land. Andersons Creek has lots of tributaries flowing into it coming through private land and they are also part of our care.

ACCA was started because of the concern by its members of the infestation of environmental weeds growing around the catchment area choking out the native vegetation and of course reducing the native animal population which defeats the purpose of the green wedge. There is very little weed control happening through Parks Victoria apparently through lack of funding. We are presently removing woody weeds (including Sweet Pittosporum, Tobacco Tree) and other weeds such as English Ivy and Japanese Honeysuckle on Parks Vic and DSE land and in the catchment area we have planted native trees and shrubs and are also in the process of weeding.

A major problem for us is that a lot of neighboring properties in the catchment area have weed infestation and are not controlling them so our effort gets diminished through reinvasion.

ACCA receives guidance from the Manningham City Council environmental department which helps us in the planning of our weeding days and we also coordinate with rangers from Warrandyte State Park and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP).

Our submission to the DSE is:

1st Receive some funding to employ contractors to spray English Ivy, Blackberry, Creeping Buttercup etc. as we cant do this our self.

2nd Enforce weed control on properties adjoining state parks.

We are sure that with some effort we can bring back our environment to healthy state.

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