



# \*WEED HYGEINE ALERT\*

## Murdunna and Sommers Bay

*Land owners to be on alert for spread of Spanish heath, Patterson's curse and gorse after fires*



Spanish heath, easily moved on machinery and often spread along roadsides



Pattersons curse has been found at sites off Sommers Bay road.



A small gorse bush reshooting after the Jan 4th fires. Young gorse seedlings are very soft compared to their mature form

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[Managing weeds after fire](#) information

- Bushfires create ideal conditions for weeds to grow with decreased competition and bare exposed ground. Weeds are often the first to re-establish and targeting priority weeds as they germinate can be effective in preventing ongoing issues.
- Necessary emergency management vehicles, post fire work machinery, and influx of stock fodder have increased the risk of weed spread
- Weed control can be expensive and, time consuming making preventing further spread important
- It is easier and less costly to prevent the spread of weeds than to control an established population
- Weed control should be considered in your fire management plan. Most priority weeds in the Tasman Municipality, such as gorse, pampas and Spanish heath, are highly flammable and a high fire risk.