

Environmental Trust response to ACIL Allen evaluation of the Biocontrol Research for Weed Management (Stage 1 & 2) Program

#	Project	ACIL Allen recommendations	Trust response
1.	Biocontrol Research for Weed Management (Stage 1 & 2) Program	Future biocontrol research projects should incorporate comprehensive lifecycle planning from the outset that explicitly addresses implementation pathways, including integration with existing weed control methods, monitoring protocols, and post-control site rehabilitation requirements, even if full implementation funding is not initially secured.	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust has noted this recommendation for consideration in future biocontrol projects.</p>
2.	Biocontrol Research for Weed Management (Stage 1 & 2) Program	Future biocontrol research projects should retain flexible funding mechanisms that allow rapid redirection of resources when initial approaches prove unsuccessful, supported by clear decision triggers for continuing or terminating specific research pathways.	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust recognises the value of flexibility in biocontrol research due to the inherent uncertainties in biological systems.</p> <p>The Trust will continue to provide mechanisms that support adaptive delivery within approved funding parameters.</p>

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3.	Biocontrol Research for Weed Management (Stage 1 & 2) Program	The prioritisation framework developed in this project should be adopted as a model for future biocontrol initiatives, with emphasis on maintaining its adaptability to incorporate new evidence while providing clear decision-making criteria.	<p>Agree with the recommendation.</p> <p>The Trust acknowledges the value of the prioritisation framework developed through Stage 1 & 2. It continues to serve as a foundation for future investments and will be refined where needed to ensure it remains responsive to emerging scientific evidence, biosecurity risks, and stakeholder input.</p> <p>The framework's adaptability and clarity support robust, transparent decision-making in future biocontrol initiatives.</p>