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Dear Ms Badger *Tabatha*

Thank you for your constituency question in Parliament regarding the recent declaration of foxglove as a pest and funding available to support its control.

As you know, on 19 February 2025 the Tasmanian Government declared foxglove (*Digitalis*) a pest under Tasmania's *Biosecurity Act 2019* to reduce its impact on the State's environmental values and agricultural productivity.

Under the declaration, the importation, sale and trade of all reproductive foxglove species, hybrids and cultivars will be prohibited.

The management of foxglove will be targeted to designated areas, including areas within and around the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and other reserves.

The next round of the Weeds Action Fund, which is part of the Tasmanian Government's 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, will be launched soon to provide grants that will support landowners in the management of declared pests, including gorse, blackberry and foxglove.

For more information visit: [https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/weeds-index/declared-weeds-index/foxglove-\(digitalis\)](https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/weeds-index/declared-weeds-index/foxglove-(digitalis))

Thank you for your continued interest in managing the impacts of foxglove in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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