

Why Garden Responsibly?

When people **plant a garden**, they know they are doing something good for the environment, and most of the time they are. Sometimes the plants they choose can become invasive weeds.

\$13.6 billion per year

The combined cost of invasive species is a significant economic burden on Australians.

More than **207** invasive plants impact **1257** threatened and endangered species in Australia



1257

The **six** most common weeds cover an area **three times** the size of Tasmania (20 million hectares).



72%

of weed species were **accidentally** introduced as garden ornamentals.

In Australia, garden plants continue to naturalise, or '**jump the garden fence**', and become invasive.



The Greenlife Industry in Australia contributes significantly to our community. **1,651** nurseries, produce **2 billion** plants per year and employ **23,000** people. The Greenlife Industry is committed to create a sustainable future.

The **Plant Sure Scheme** will provide a **collaborative and proactive approach** to managing this challenge.