

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2018

## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

### **FARMING AND THE LAW WORKSHOP**

Building on a successful series of workshops delivered in 2016 and 2017, NRM South, the Huon Valley Council's Natural Resource Management Unit and Environmental Defenders Office Tasmania will be running another 'Farming and the Law Workshop', specifically tailored for residents of the Huon Valley. This free, informative half-day workshop will be held in Huonville on **Saturday 14 April**.

This workshop will help land owners gain a better understanding of current legislation (relevant to the management of their land), make more informed decisions and comply with the law. This will help land owners to reduce environmental harm on their own and surrounding properties, which benefits farm productivity and is good for the environment. The workshops also help clear up what is at times, confusing, according to Tim Ackroyd, NRM Facilitator for NRM South. *"The rules and regulations relating to what you can do on your farm or block of land can sometimes be confusing, particularly for new land owners,*

*"The workshops help clarify what landholders can do, what's permitted and how this can help them get the best out of their land. So, if you want to know more about what permits are required to take water from the Huon River or what the requirements are for managing your weeds and native bushland, then this is the right event for you,"* Mr Ackroyd said.

The workshop will cover a wide range of subjects, such as vegetation clearance, weed control, water allocations and planning regulations. Participants will also be provided with a range of useful resources including a free copy of the *'Working near Waterways - understanding your legal obligations'* guide, available on the NRM South Website or direct from the EDO.

This workshop is supported by NRM South through funding from Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Huon Valley Council.

**REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL** - Register your interest by 9 April

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