

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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I have noticed that a great deal of money is spent on planting native trees and grasses throughout the greater Brisbane region and then virtually left alone only to be overrun by introduced weeds, particularly Wild Tobacco, Devils Fig and creepers that completely cover, and choke out the natives. Surely a better option would be to plant less and maintain those areas at least until they are well established. I have been caring for a local section of creekside bushland, propagating, planting, watering when necessary and weeding for the last few years. I am currently 75 years old and I do this alone, with no help. On either side of the section I care for, the weeds have almost completely taken over and I am battling to keep my area clean. It would be nice if the area could be slashed and weeds poisoned once or twice a year to help the young plants establish. The public is encouraged to care for the bushland and creeks, but little help is given by councils when they should be giving as much help as possible to volunteers. Thanks John.