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Dear recipient of donated hay after Cuddlee Creek Fire,

Assistance with identification of weeds potentially brought in with donated hay.

The devastation of the Cuddlee Creek fire led to numerous landowners with livestock needing help to feed their stock. Livestock SA set up the Oakbank Fodder Depot to assist and support those in need by being a donation point of hay and fodder for distribution to those affected by the fire.

The hay that was donated to the fodder depot came from all over the state, from as far as the Eyre Peninsula and Limestone Coast to closer to home deliveries from Murray Bridge and the Adelaide Hills.

We would like to inform you about a service that has been established to advise landowners about potential weeds that may have been introduced with donated hay. If there are weeds, then vigilance now can help to ensuring they do not become established on your property. Whilst we do not expect the donated hay to contain weed seeds, we are wanting landowners to be aware of the potential biosecurity risk to their property.

You have the opportunity to access assistance until June 2022, with weed identification and surveying feed out areas for new weeds.

Weeds like serrated tussock, Chilean needlegrass, silverleaf nightshade and many others can be moved to new areas in hay and become established. It is the goal of this project to prevent landholders from being burdened if this has occurred.

The project can assist with:

- **Surveillance** for new weeds, in relation to imported fodder
- **Support and advice** for other weeds in fire-affected areas
- **Identification** of plants on your property



Silverleaf nightshade *Solanum eleagnifolium*. Photo by Laurie

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Kind regards,

Livestock SA