

## Bendigo Rise & Shine covenant monitoring – 13 Feb 2025 – Byron & Kelli

Created a photo comparison document, looking at monitoring photos between 2007 and 2025.

### Notes:

PP1: Significant increase of both matagouri shrubland and sweetbriar on both flanks of valley. Briar is now beyond any practical means of control. Santana drill site outside of photos. A supplementary photo has been included in the Santana Operations folder.

PP2: Seems to be less fescue, more bare earth, however aciphylla and tussocks seem consistent. A few larger dead aciphylla, however many new juveniles.

PP3: Increase in matagouri shrubland and sweetbriar on slopes of true left of Rise and Shine Creek. Tussock population seems to have remained the same between 2016 and 2025. Much more grass present in 2007. Recently bulldozed track from Santana operations in Shepherds Creek. Photo in Santana Operations folder.

PP4: Seems to be an increase in matagouri shrubland. Pasture grass has gone. Tussock population seems to remain the same. Upgraded vehicle track on far ridge of photo.

Overall, no serious breaches of covenant, however we will liaise with other DOC staff regarding Santana operations.

Small patch of European larch at 1319304 E, 5015795 N, however they don't seem to be reproducing. No sign of any seedlings.