Draft Weed Management Plans Open for Comment

Natural Resources Minister Karl Hampton today invited Territorians to comment on draft Weed Management Plans for Prickly Acacia, Mesquite and Chinee Apple.

Prickly Acacia, Mesquite and Chinee Apple are declared weeds under the Weeds Management Act 2001.

“The overall aim of the Draft Weed Management Plans is to limit the impact of these species on our environment, economy and social and cultural land uses,” Mr Hampton said.

“These weeds already affect large tracts of land in the Territory including the Victoria River District and the Barkly Tableland and Chinee Apple is quite problematic in the Katherine region.

“A consistent and targeted approach to eradication of these highly invasive weeds is considered necessary to avoid significant ecological and economic impacts in the future.

“The draft plans focus on eradicating all existing infestations of these high priority weeds, while preventing spread into new areas.”

To help land managers meet their obligations, the plans include information on a range of best practice management techniques and control methods, including physical and chemical control and hygiene procedures.

The draft plans will be on public exhibition until Friday, 9 September 2011 and comments received during this time will be taken into consideration when developing the final Weed Management Plans.

Once endorsed, the management requirements described in the plans will be enforceable under the Weeds Management Act 2001.

Go to www.nt.gov.au/consult to view a copy of the plan or to provide comment.

Comments can also be made in writing to weedinfo.nretas@nt.gov.au or to:

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