MINISTER FOR LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

FOUR NEW WEEDS OFFICERS

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The Country Liberals Government has kept their pledge to fund additional Weed Management Officer positions; providing for two new positions in Katherine and funding to allow two positions in Tennant Creek to be filled.

Minister for Land Resource Management, Willem Westra van Holthe, said the new weeds officers would protect both industry and the environment.

“This will take our total weeds management officers to 11 across the Territory who provide extension and education services to land holders,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“This is fantastic news for people in the Katherine and Barkly Regions.

“Delia Lawrie’s former Government did not place any importance on weed management in the Territory and reduced funding to this area, and when positions became vacant they were simply not filled.

“We have kept our word and moved to ensure these positions are funded.

“The Country Liberals Government has committed $480 000 ongoing in Budget 2013-14 to fund these positions.

“Weeds management officers play a vital role in protecting our natural environment; particularly from weeds which can have a negative impact on our primary industries.

“We are taking responsible action to safeguard our industry and our environment.”

The four new positions will be created in the Weed Management Branch of the Department of Land Resource Management.

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