Media Release

Willem Westra van Holthe, Member for Katherine
Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Minister for Land Resource Management

**Serial pest under review**

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The Northern Territory Government will undertake a review of Weed Management Plans for three of the Territory’s most invasive prickle bushes.

Minister for Land Resource Management Willem Westra van Holthe said the plans under review are for Chinee Apple, Mesquite and Prickly Acacia.

“These three weeds are highly invasive and can dramatically impact watering points, hinder mustering and reduce valuable grazing land,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to making the lives of pastoralists simpler and we know that is achievable through the reduction of weeds across the Territory.

“Given the level of risk posed by these weeds, eradication is still considered a realistic and highly desirable management outcome.

“That’s why we are calling on Territory landholders and land users to comment on the performance of the management plan because it’s through community consultation that we can reach the best result”.

All landholders and land managers are required to meet the management obligations and actions outlined in Weed Management Plans.

“It is vital that property owners and managers across the Territory prioritise and coordinate efforts to mitigate the impact of these high risk weeds. ” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“Together, we can minimise the impacts on production and the environment and ensure our land is in the best possible condition.”


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