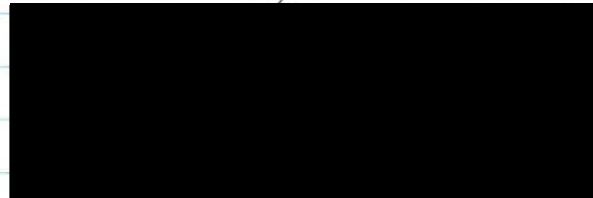


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TO THE RESEARCH DIRECTOR
AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMA (T/B),

DEAR SIR,

I WOULD HEREBY PRESENT MY
SUBMISSION TO YOUR ENQUIRY INTO 'WEED
IMPACTS AND CONTROL' IN PARTICULAR
'FIREWEED'

IT IS AN EXTREMELY INVASIVE WEED WHICH
IS VERY RAMPANT IN S.E. QLD MAKING A
HEAVY IMPACT ON THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF
VALUABLE PASTURE LAND. THE SEED HAS A
VERY EFFECTIVE PARACHUTE AND IS READILY
SPREAD BY WIND AND OTHER MEANS.

APART FROM THE EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUAL
LAND OWNERS, STRUGGLING TO CONTROL IT,
TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NOT A CONTROL
PROCESS IN PLACE TO INVESTIGATE OR FIND
A SOLUTION. THE COST OF SPRAYING
AMOUNTS TO \$2000 PLUS.

MY APPROACHES TO THE RELEVANT
DEPARTMENTS OR LOCAL COUNCILS HAVE NOT
RESULTED IN ANY ACTION BEING TAKEN, SO
PROGRESS IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE
VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

Yours faithfully
(MRS) JEAN K. HAWKINS.

