To:

Agriculture and Environment Committee

**Subject:** Impacts of invasive plants (weeds) and control in Queensland.

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To the Committee Members,

1. Rubbervine is a far more environmentally devastating weed. Growing where it pleases.

- 2. Historically poor or non-existent representation from State and Federal representatives and Rural Lobby Groups (Agforce).
- 3. Local Government (Council) unable to even control invasive weeds on country under their control such as commons, stock-routes.
- 4. Councils are unwilling to enact any control measures on privately owned land, rural properties.
- 5. Complete lack of any enforcement measures Local and State.
- 6. Landholders basically allowed to do as they please with invasive weed control. (Totally ignoring the problem).
- 7. Cattle are being transported all over the country after consuming prickly acacia seed.
- 8. Landholders abiding by the Land Act are continuing to be undermined by neighbours who choose to do no control measures on weed control. (creating a neighbour against neighbour problem with no mediator to resolve the issue).
- 9. Too much focus on Wild Dogs. (you can't cherry pick your problems).
- 10. Full burden of weed control falls on landholder's shoulders. Meaning high cost of herbicides, labour and machinery.
- 11. Inadequate and often miss directed funding. No long-term control plan.
- 12. No apparent desire of State Government to do anything worthwhile about state wide control measures.
- 13. Ultimately lending institutions will be calling the shots if State Government continues to do nothing to control invasive woody weeds. (Foreclosures or refusing to extend overdraughts or unwilling to offer loans to purchase severely degraded and infested properties.

Regards,

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