



15 January 2010

EAOM Amendments
Natural Resources Commission
GPO Box 4206, Sydney NSW 2001
Email: nrc@nrc.nsw.gov.au

RE: Proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the Environmental Outcomes Methodology initiated by the Western CMA

The Western CMA welcomes the proposed amendments after initiating them over two years ago. Since the Western CMA recommended the changes they have been considered and supported by a number of experts.

The Western CMA did recommend that Wilga (*Geijera parviflora*) be listed consistent with the other IBRA regions, allowing all clearing types as options for management. Concerns were raised by one departmental staff member due to information about the species in other States. DECC then decided to recommend a-c clearing types but after further discussions between the departmental staff member and the Western CMA it was agreed that it was appropriate to have clearing types a-d available for Wilga. Due to internal deadlines only clearing types a-c are included in the final recommendations under consideration by the NRC. The Western CMA recommends that clearing types a-d be included in the EOAM for Wilga (*Geijera parviflora*) and that retention be required for criterion 18A. It would be unreasonable and unnecessary not to allow clearing type 'd' to be available for the management of Wilga (*Geijera parviflora*) where it is acting invasively and it is deemed appropriate through the assessment under Chapter 7.

The recommendation for Black Wattle (*Acacia stenophylla*) is supported by the Western CMA.

The species recommended for addition are already listed in other IBRA regions within the catchment. It was an oversight that they were not originally listed for these additional IBRA regions. The recommended additions will allow the Western CMA to approve PVPs for management of Wilga (*Geijera parviflora*) in the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion and Black Wattle (*Acacia stenophylla*) in the Mulga Lands, resulting in improved or maintained environmental outcomes. Even with the additions to the INS database the Western CMA PVP Officer will assess if the listed invasive native species is acting invasively for each zone within the PVP.

The Western CMA appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission. For further information please contact Karen Kneipp (PVP Coordinator) on 02 68722144 or Karen.kneipp@cma.nsw.gov.au.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl Green".

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