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Dear Mr Wilde,

**RE: PROPOSED LISTING OF VACHELLIA FARNESIANA AS A FERAL NATIVE SPECIES**

We appreciate being given the opportunity to comment on the proposed listing of *Vachellia farnesiana* as a feral native species. This committee represents the interests of Local Government and Livestock Health and Pest Authority weed managers throughout central west and western NSW.

Committee members have twice now applied for *V. farnesiana* to become a declared noxious weed under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993. The underlying issue of *V. farnesiana*'s uncertain heritage has been cited as the main barrier preventing declaration of this species. However, listing as a feral native species will be a strong sign of support from the NRC that this species requires control in some areas.

We would not like to presume to comment on other areas beyond our boundaries; however previous correspondence received from Northern Inland Weeds Advisory Committee has indicated to us that *V. farnesiana* is a significant weed in the Namoi and Border Rivers-Gwydir catchment areas.

The proposed listing in Central West Catchment Management Authority area is fully supported by MVWAC as we support any process that will allow for improved control of *V. farnesiana* within the Macquarie Valley.

Yours sincerely,

Bryson Rees  
CHAIRMAN