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Dear Mr Brill

**Listing of Yellow Mimosa (*Vachellia farnesiana*) as a feral native species in the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority region**

The Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NR CMA) is aware that the CMA regions of Border Rivers-Gwydir, Namoi and Central West have made submissions proposing the listing of Yellow Mimosa (*Vachellia farnesiana*) as a feral native plant species under clause 17 of the Native Vegetation Regulation 2005 (NV Reg). The CMA also understands that the Invasive Native Species (INS) and Feral Native Species (FNS) Change Control Panel (CPP) have suggested that all NSW CMAs consider listing this plant as a FNS, due to the invasive nature of the plant and its potential to become a serious environmental and agricultural weed.

Invasive occurrences of Yellow Mimosa are known in the Border Rivers-Gwydir and Namoi CMA regions which share the western boundary with the NR CMA. At the present time this plant does not pose a threat in the NR CMA, however, consistent listing with other CMAs in NSW will allow landholders and the CMA to act appropriately and quickly should this species arise as a pest within the region.

The Northern Rivers CMA would therefore like to support the State-wide listing of Yellow Mimosa (*Vachellia farnesiana*) as a Feral Native Species under clause 17 of the NV Reg.

For further information please contact John Barlow, PVP Coordinator at Grafton on 02 66420 622.

Yours faithfully

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