



Monday 15 April 2013

Terry Brill
Biodiversity and Vegetation Programs
Regional Operations Group
Office of Environment and Heritage
NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet
59-61 Goulburn Street, Sydney 2000

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

Dear Mr Brill

The Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SR 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) has 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.

At the present Yellow Mimosa does not pose a threat in the SR CMA region, 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 Southern 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 Michael Fiedler, PVP Coordinator at Bega on 6491 8222.

Yours sincerely,

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