



# Northern Territory Government

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Prickle bush workshop**

A lack of information about prickly bushes found in the Barkly region is about to be addressed with a workshop to be held at Helen Springs Station on August 30.

Due to its remoteness the Barkly region has limited access to experts and information on the latest best management practices for weeds and prickles so a panel of Territory and interstate experts in the field will be on hand to share their knowledge and research findings.

Researchers, pastoralists, representatives from NT Government, Land Care groups, the Northern and Central Land Councils and other non-government organisations will meet to discuss prickly bushes impacting on the region.

The three prickly bushes in focus are the Prickly Acacia, mesquite & parkinsonia.

Prickly bush project coordinator, Nathan March said "This workshop will increase the knowledge and capacity for Northern Territory landholders to effectively eradicate two 'Weeds of National Significance' (WoNS) from the Northern Territory (Prickly Acacia and mesquite) and carry out strategic control on Parkinsonia".

The workshop will cover identification and control options as well as highlighting the distribution and abundance of prickly bushes on a regional and national scale.

"We hope to lift the profile of weeds by raising awareness and demonstrating the importance of weed control in terms of potential environmental and production costs/losses" Mr March said.

"This is a great opportunity to increase the communication and support network between all stakeholders in the Barkly Region."

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