



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Weed Risk Assessment Workshop in Darwin**

A two day workshop to develop a suitable Northern Territory weed risk assessment model concludes in Darwin today.

Hosted by the NT Government, the workshop involves key stakeholders from across the NT and guest presenters from interstate.

The Department of Natural Resource, Environment and the Arts, Senior Director of Natural Resource Management, Brent Williams, said the workshop provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to have input in developing a Territory weed risk assessment model.

“With representatives from government, the NT Environment Centre, Northern Land Council, the World Wildlife Fund and the Gamba Action Group – there is a good cross section of people attending,” Mr Williams said.

“The workshop focused on getting input from those attending in regards to developing the Territory’s weed risk assessment model.

“A technical working group had previously been established and they have created several variations of models the NT could use.”

Mr Williams said guest interstate presenters spoke to the workshop on models for their states and discussed the positives and negatives of their current models.

“By the end of the two day workshop, we envisage that a draft NT weed risk assessment model will have been created with input from the workshop participants,” he said.

“Once finalised and endorsed, the weed risk assessment model will be used to asses whether plants are weedy or not and to assign priorities for declaration and control.”

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