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Weed Report on Brunchilly Station

Time frame: 28.4.10 to 18.5.10

Tenements: EL 27192 and EL 27191

Summary:

During the three weeks shift on Brunchilly Station, between 28.4.10 and 18.5.10, there were only 2 species of weeds obvious. The major species is the Rubber Bush (*Calotropis procera*). A minor infestation of another weed could probably be Parkinsonia (*Parkinsonia aculeata*). There was evidence that the station management has taken measures to control the Parkinsonia infestation.

Rubber Bush – *Calotropis procera*:

The Rubber Bush can be found in any area on the tenements. Major infestations have been observed in the around and in area D. Also along roads and other disturbed areas, such as bores, nests and dams. The following coordinates indicate strong and/or widespread infestations of the Rubber Bush weed:

GDA 94, Zone 53

| MGA_E | MGA_N |
|--------|---------|
| 464767 | 7946540 |
| 473987 | 7946243 |
| 465086 | 7952971 |
| 473144 | 7938904 |
| 467782 | 7950629 |

Parkinsonia - *Parkinsonia aculeata*

A major infestation of one of the 'prickly bushes', which is most likely to be the Parkinsonia weed, was found around Depot Bore and Brolga Nest close to area A (MGA_E 427500, MGA_N 7949000). About half of the specimens were pushed over by a grader or similar machine; the other half could be regeneration of the former. A few individual specimens were found around the Eastern corner of Depot paddock (MGA_E 430000, MGA_N 7944500).

Pictures



Rubber Bush next to road NE of area G



Rubber Bush on nest wall NE corner of Station area



Prickly Weed Bush, possibly
Parkinsonia in Eastern corner of
Depot Paddock



Detail of leaves and stem of
above specimen