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To whom it may concern,

Re: Draft Queensland Weeds Strategy 2000-2005

The Condamine Catchment Management Association (CCMA) strongly supports the draft Queensland Weeds Strategy 2000-2005. We applaud the State initiative to develop this strategy as a mechanism to provide guidance to all weed managers throughout Queensland.

The CCMA would like to submit the following comments for your consideration.

Section 3: Government, Stakeholders and their Responsibilities

The CCMA seek the inclusion of Catchment Management Associations under 'Industry and Community Groups' as the roles identified are consistent with the roles undertaken by these Associations.

Section 4.4: Challenges

An additional challenge could be included highlighting the need for all stakeholders to integrate/coordinate their activities, particularly at a local level. This aspect could be identified by expanding the challenge 'Improving coordination and planning'.

Table 1: The Scope and Scale of Weed Planning and Linkages with other NRM Plans

Sub-catchment action plans are an important contribution to coordinated weed management at a property level. These plans could be recognised under the 'resource management' category at the property scale.

Section 4.6: Principles

The CCMA strongly supports these principles.

Section 5: Strategic Plan

The CCMA supports the vision and mission as outlined. A number of the desired outcomes and related objectives have been identified as priorities in the Condamine Catchment Strategic Plan.

Section 5.2: Assessment

The CCMA suggest the recognition of sub-catchment action planning group activities that can be utilised as a key contribution to data collection.

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Section 5.3: Future Direction, Responsibility and Resourcing

Further work could be undertaken to utilise the resource provided via the landcare network and their sub-catchment action planning process. Many landcare groups are working closely with their local councils to address weed management issues. In addition, the CCMA has been assisting DNR in coordinating weed management activities across councils and landcare groups.

Of critical importance is the need for the whole community, including government, to keep the issue of weed management high on the political agenda. This will assist in the ability of land managers to continue to access necessary resources to address their weed management issues locally.

Section 6: Opportunities and Constraints

The CCMA strongly support the 'constraints' that are listed. It is important that these are recognised when reporting on the implementation of the Strategy document.

Another key issue for consideration under Section 6 is the current government policy for resource management, as this will influence the availability of government resources to support the implementation of the strategy.

The Queensland Weed Strategy 2000-2005 will provide an excellent source of reference for the ongoing development and implementation of the Condamine Catchment Strategic Plan. Please forward a revised copy when it becomes available to CCMA, PO Box 318, Toowoomba Qld 4350.

Yours sincerely,

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