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Good Afternoon

As small beef producers I would just like to make a comment regarding the above act. I do not see the problem as being with farmers understanding their obligations, but with State Government, Local Government and smaller landholders who may not rely on agriculture for their income, being cognizant of their obligations. We are graziers in the Townsville shire. We are surrounded by State and Local government controlled lands and neither of those levels of government undertake any control of weeds on their lands to the point that they are constantly reinfesting our lands. Also smaller surrounding landholders are allowing their properties to be totally infested with noxious weeds and the Local Government is doing nothing to enforce some control of these weeds in accordance with obligations under the Act. Also the Local Council is knowingly actively spreading weeds including grader grass by uncontrolled slashing of roadsides without any measures undertaken to prevent spread.

Regards

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