



Summer weed control on the Eyre Peninsula

Flood Recovery Pests and Weeds Project

In response to the major flooding event that affected parts of the Eyre Peninsula and Arid Lands in early 2022, PIRSA and the Eyre Peninsula and SA Arid Lands Landscape Boards, with the support of the State and Commonwealth Governments, will deliver a comprehensive pest and weed management project to support the recovery of the flood affected regions.

Over the next two years, several initiatives including targeted pest and weed control programs, equipment subsidies, training provision, and workshops will support farmers responding to increased and pest and weed incursions.

From November, we are implementing our first round of summer weed control targeting **caltrop fleabane, saffron thistle, and silverleaf nightshade**. We will also be targeting **African boxthorn, and invasive cacti**.

Contractors will be coordinated to carry out this work primarily through spot spray and small boom spray methods targeting plants in non-crop situations (e.g., in erosion gullies, along fence lines, scrub margins, holding paddocks). They will be deployed to support landholders in the target area (**see Figure 1**) on a first come, first serve basis until the funding is used. This will be carried out at no charge to the landholder.

Landholders will be required to provide site access, guidance on the primary locations of weed infestations, and notify contractors of any on-farm health and safety concerns.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please get in touch with **Harry Missen, Biosecurity Officer – Invasive Species** by phone on **0456 431 807** or by email at harry.missen@sa.gov.au by the **17th of November**.



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Figure 1: project geographic scope

