



Local Law Declared Pest Plant for the Fraser Coast Region

Star burr

(*Acanthospermum hispidum*)



ORIGIN: Native to Latin America.

DESCRIPTION: This is an erect broad-leaved annual herb that grows to 90cm tall. The leaves are egg-shaped or oval, green and hairy, and the star shaped burrs reside in leaf joins from base to tip of the plant. The plant prefers sandy loam soils, and hosts pest and diseases, and it flowers from Summer to Autumn. The burrs can cause injuries to animals, and it is HIGHLY TOXIC to livestock.

This pest plant will be given a HIGH PRIORITY.

SPREAD: This plant is spread by water, animals, humans, contaminated feed and machinery.

AREAS FOUND: River flats (riparian) disturbed soil and roadsides.

CONTROL METHODS: Slash before seed set. Chemical control with 2,4-D amine (Amicide 625), fluroxypyr or glyphosate.

Before using any herbicide always read the label carefully and apply strictly in accordance with directions on the label.

OBLIGATION OF LANDOWNERS: A local law declared pest plant is one that has been targeted for control under Local Government legislation.

This provides for the protection of the environment, public health, safety, and amenity within the local government's area.

Declaration under the Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2011, and Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2011 imposes a legal responsibility for control by all landowners in the Fraser Coast region.

All landowners have an obligation to:

- Eradicate where possible;
- Prevent the spread; and
- Reduce the existing size of infestations,

particularly where they have or could have significant economic, environmental, or social impact. This declaration also prohibits the sale, introduction, or propagation of Star burr.

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