



Local Law Declared Pest Plant for the Fraser Coast Region

Thorn apples

(*Datura spp.* Including *D.ferox*, *D.metel*, *D.inoxia*, *D.stramonium*, *D.leichartii*)



ORIGIN: Central and South America (Mexico and USA).

DESCRIPTION: This is an erect annual herb forming a bush and growing up to 1-1.5m tall. Young growth hairy with deeply lobed, toothed finely hairy leaves. Flowers are trumpet shaped and white to pale purple. The erect spiny capsule/fruit is red brown when ripe and can produce up to 30,000 seeds per plant. The Thorn apple is related to tomatoes and withers Autumn-Spring.

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

AREAS FOUND: Disturbed areas, and summer crops.

CONTROL METHODS: Glyphosate, 2,4-D acid (Affray 300) and picloram + 2,4-D amine.

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 Thorn apples.

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