

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have one concern that involves the Australian Army and that is that it introduced Siam weed into Australia . Due to the army's lack of biosecurity in the past and is now a major weed in the Townsville area, And I would like to bring this to your attention, I don't wish to give you my views on the weed so please read the Queensland government fact sheet on the internet, then may understand why I am so concerned about this weed and its potential to effect the agriculture industries of Northern Australia from perhaps as far south as Brisbane and then all the way around the coast to the same point in Western Australia ,and inland for several hundred kilometres .

I have known that it has been in the High range training area , but I have always that the Australian army was controlling it , You can't imagine my thought as coming down the range three weeks ago to see it growing for 20 kilometers along the side of the Harvey range road, Then I started to use the phone only to find out that the Siam weed assessment committee has decided to lower the level of the weed to spray where possible ,

Also the Queensland government has changed the law on weed to now this weed is the responsibility of the land owner , it the Australian Army can't control Siam weed in there land with there resources of unlimited man power and unlimited money .Heaven help the landowners because the Australian Government want I am sure . This job is completely out of the ability of landholders ,and is completely stupid to think it is possible for them to do so, and for larger holding , insane ,

My only conclusion is that a full on effort be made on the weed where the full resourses of the Army personal and unemployed or the other alternative just to let it spread across Australia ,turn the top end into a Siam heaven , and the reef it may also be affected by the release of nitrate into the water from the vast areas of Siam weed producing nitrates . And the countries budget may well be effected by billions of dollars particularly in the grazing industries. Then the loses in the farming industries into the future , it may well push some land to become uneconomic to use , Get your heads around that ,

Sincerely

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