The Victorian Weed Alert Program

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Weed Alert

No serious new weeds introduced to Victoria and the highest risk incursions eradicated.
Weed Alert

- Detection AND response
- Public and private land
- 2007/08 budget $3.4 M
Which weeds?

Diagram after John Weiss and Trevor Hunt, 2006
Weed Alert species

State Prohibited Weeds ➔ declared

- 25 species declared, 16 species known in Victoria
- 386 incursions recorded
Weed Alert species

Victorian Alert Weeds \(\Rightarrow\) NOT declared

- Heather
  \(\text{Calluna vulgaris}\)
- White Spanish Broom
  \(\text{Cytisus multiflorus}\)
- Old Man’s Beard
  \(\text{Clematis vitalba}\)
- Giant Hogweed
  \(\text{Heracleum mantegazzianum}\)
Prevention
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Partnerships

Future Choice
GARDEN CENTRE
Your Garden, Our Future
Community awareness
Surveillance

Branched Broomrape in South Australia linked to possible sites in Victoria

Weed Spotter training

Branched Broomrape in SA
Orobanche ramosa
Compliance

Water Hyacinth sold on eBay
*Eichhornia crassipes*
Success in the field

Alligator Weed before and after treatment

- 46 incursions deemed as eradicated last year
- 4 species have been eradicated, another species is on the brink of eradication

Alligator Weed
*Alternanthera philoxeroides*
Challenges

- Living and evolving process
- Impact of climate change
- Action without legal backup
- Cross-border loopholes in legislation
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