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Dear Colleagues

At our November Committee meeting we discussed the recent comments made by Don Burke on his radio program regarding the management of weeds in NSW.

I personally, was very disappointed by Mr Burke's comments, and I feel that they do not accurately reflect the current state of weed management in NSW. I believe that Mr Burke's comments were inappropriate and appreciate the offence that they have caused for many weed officers.

I would also like to state that a Committee member, Mal Morgan - who was being interviewed on the program - reported that he was unaware of the content of the program until after it was aired, and like me was disappointed with what was said.

The Committee decided that it would respond to the comments by focusing on the great work done by weed officers and highlighting many of the successful programs that are in place in NSW.

The Committee recognises your efforts, dedication and enthusiasm in this critical natural resources management area - as do the discerning public. The Committee will be talking with persons associated with media management, which is a better strategy for our common aims.

As always the Committee thank you all for your continued efforts.

Have a great Christmas and a joyous new year.

Kindest regards



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NWAC CHAIR

*Advising the
Minister of
Agriculture on
noxious weed
control issues*