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Foreword

Rubber vine is one of northern Australia's worst weeds. It invades creeks and rivers, forming thickets and smothering vegetation, taking over flood plains and pastures. It infests over 700 000 hectares in Queensland, and if left unchecked will invade the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The National Rubber Vine Management Group recognises that only through a joint effort and the diligence and commitment of all affected landholders, community and all levels of government will we be able to gain control of this weed.

This manual is an update of the previously published *Managing Rubber Vine—An experience based approach to managing a weed of national significance* (2000). It includes a comprehensive range of techniques for controlling rubber vine, and a selection of case studies demonstrating landholder approaches and experiences.

I recommend this manual to all landholders affected by rubber vine, and suggest its reading by others at risk of invasion by this pest.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Quirk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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