

Gamba Grass Survey 2023

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

13 April 2023 - 15 May 2023

PROJECT NAME:

Gamba Grass Weed Management Plan Survey



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Name or Organisation

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Optional question (69 response(s), 21 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q2 | What is your post code?

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Anonymous 0822 (Bees Creek)

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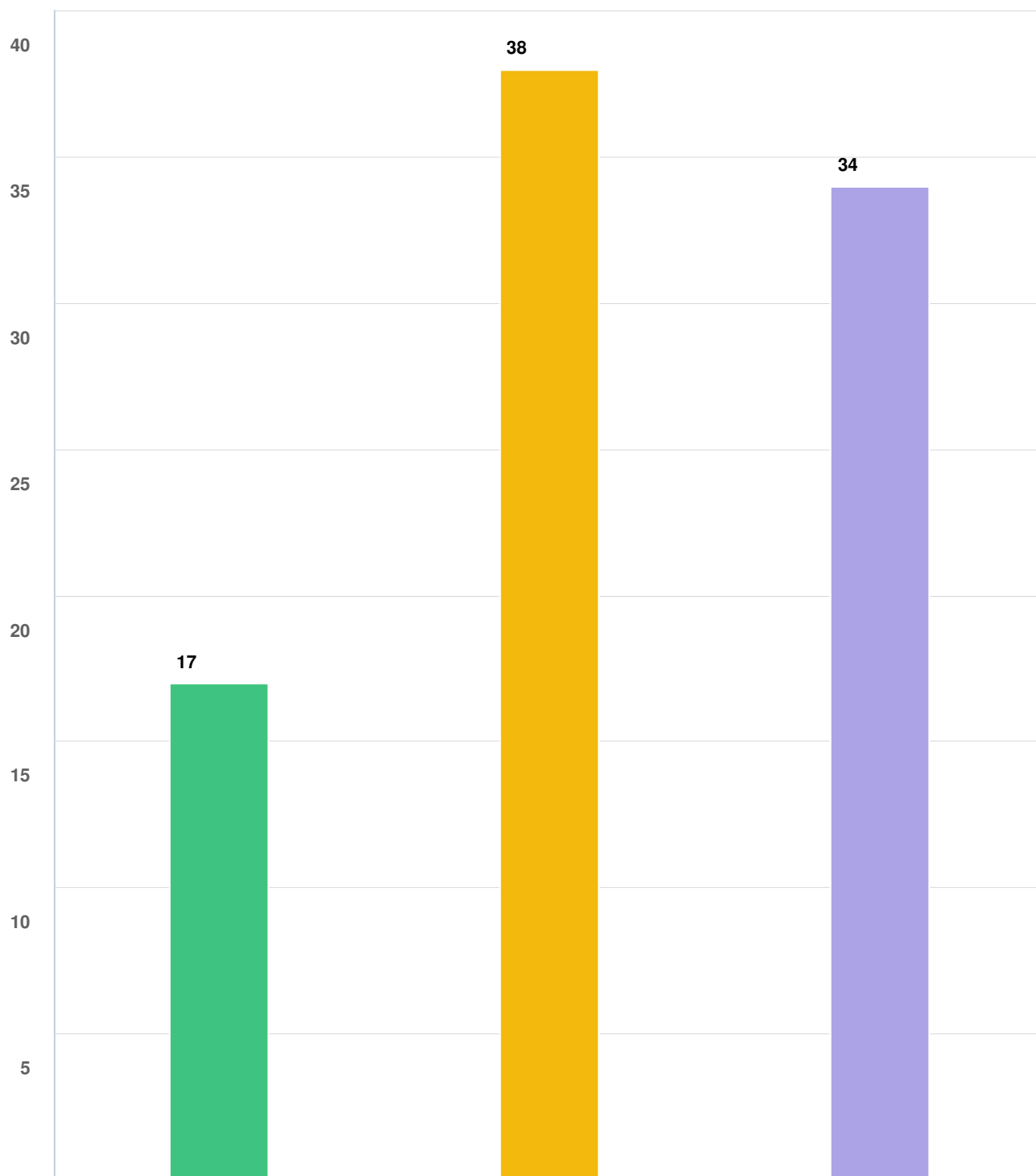
Anonymous 0810

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

Optional question (89 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q3 | Is your land or the land you manage in the eradication zone (Class A zone) or control zone (Class B zone)?



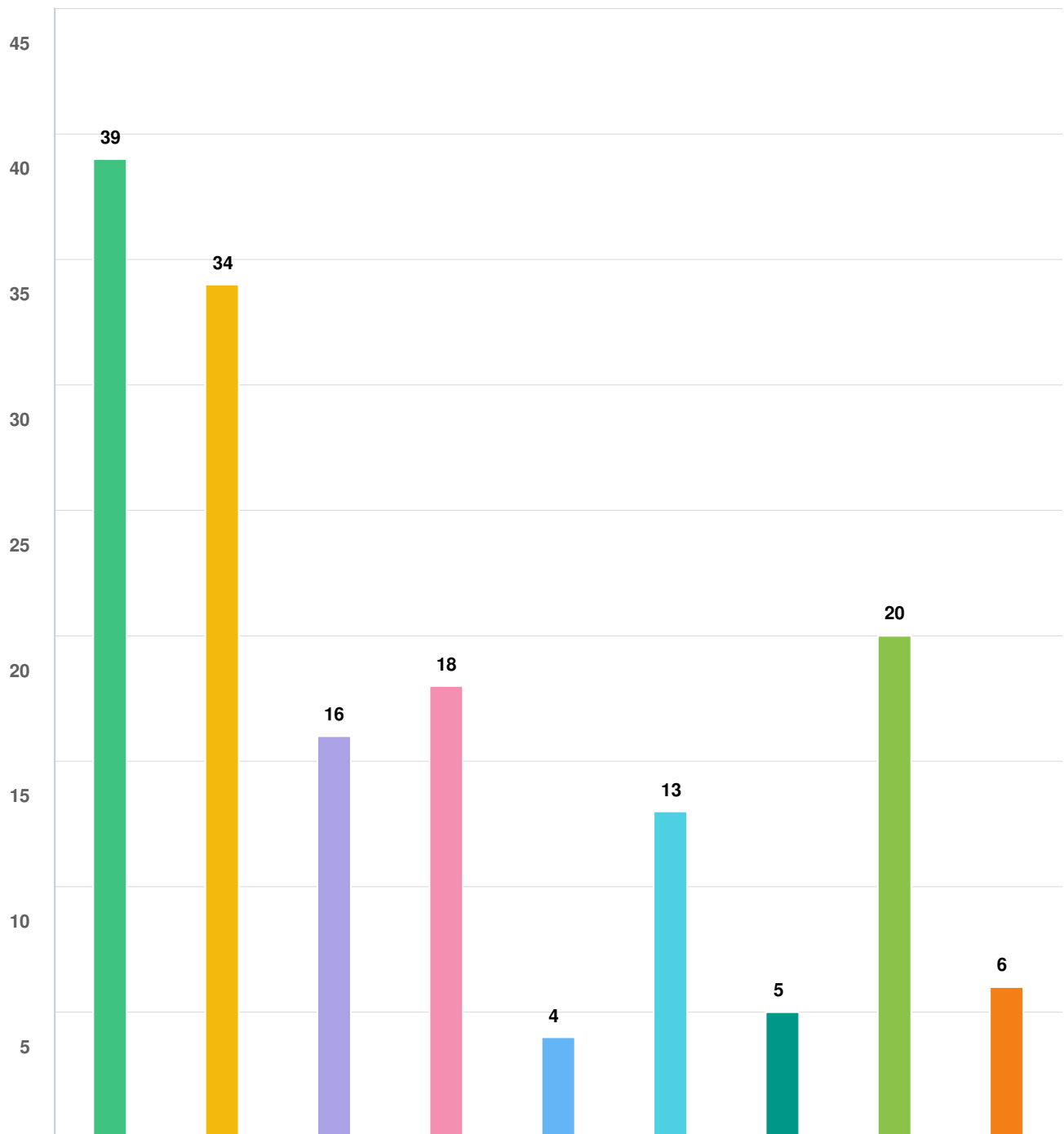
Question options

- Class A zone
- Class B zone
- Not sure

Optional question (89 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 What type of land do you manage, work on, have an interest in, or wish to comment on?

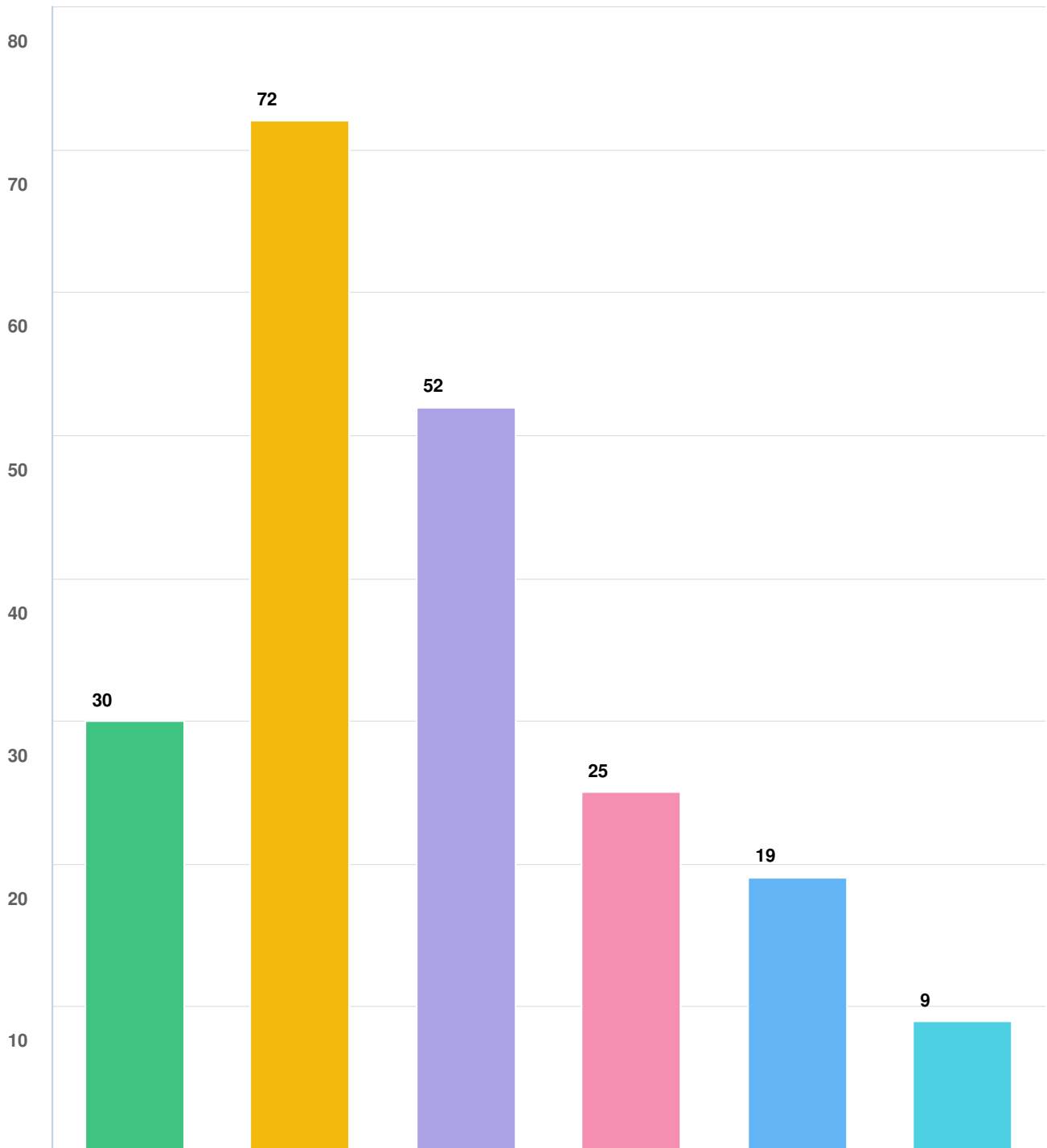


Question options

- A residential or rural block less than 3Ha
 ● A residential or rural block greater than 3Ha
● Road verges
- Government land
 ● Commercial
● Pastoral land
● Aboriginal land
● National Parks or Reserves
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (88 response(s), 2 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 What are the main factor(s) that motivate you to deal with gamba grass issues and support gamba action?



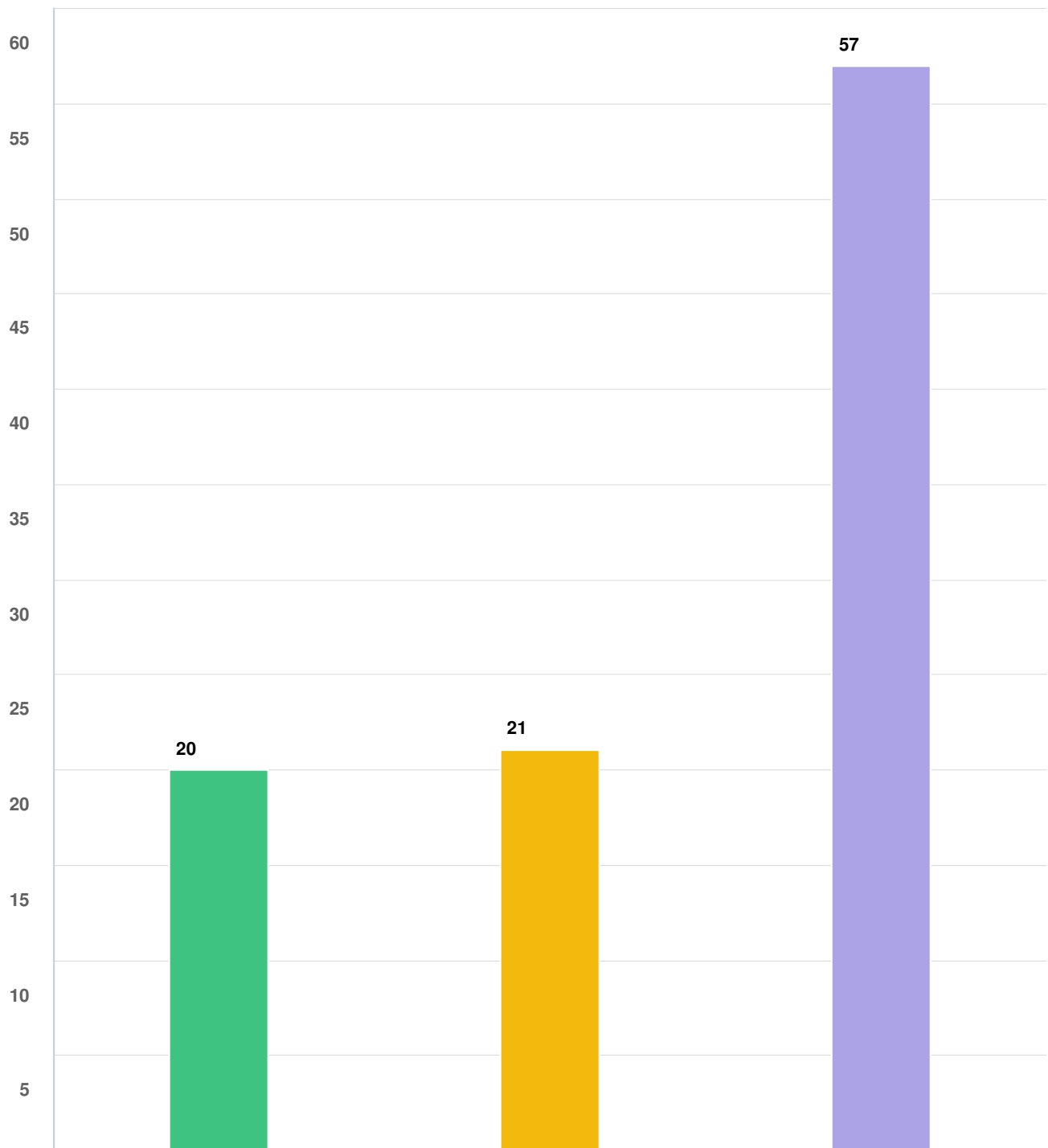
Question options

- Looking after your lifestyle
- Looking after nature
- Safety of people and protection of built infrastructure
- Financial impact of not taking action
- Legal requirements
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (89 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q6 Did you participate in the:

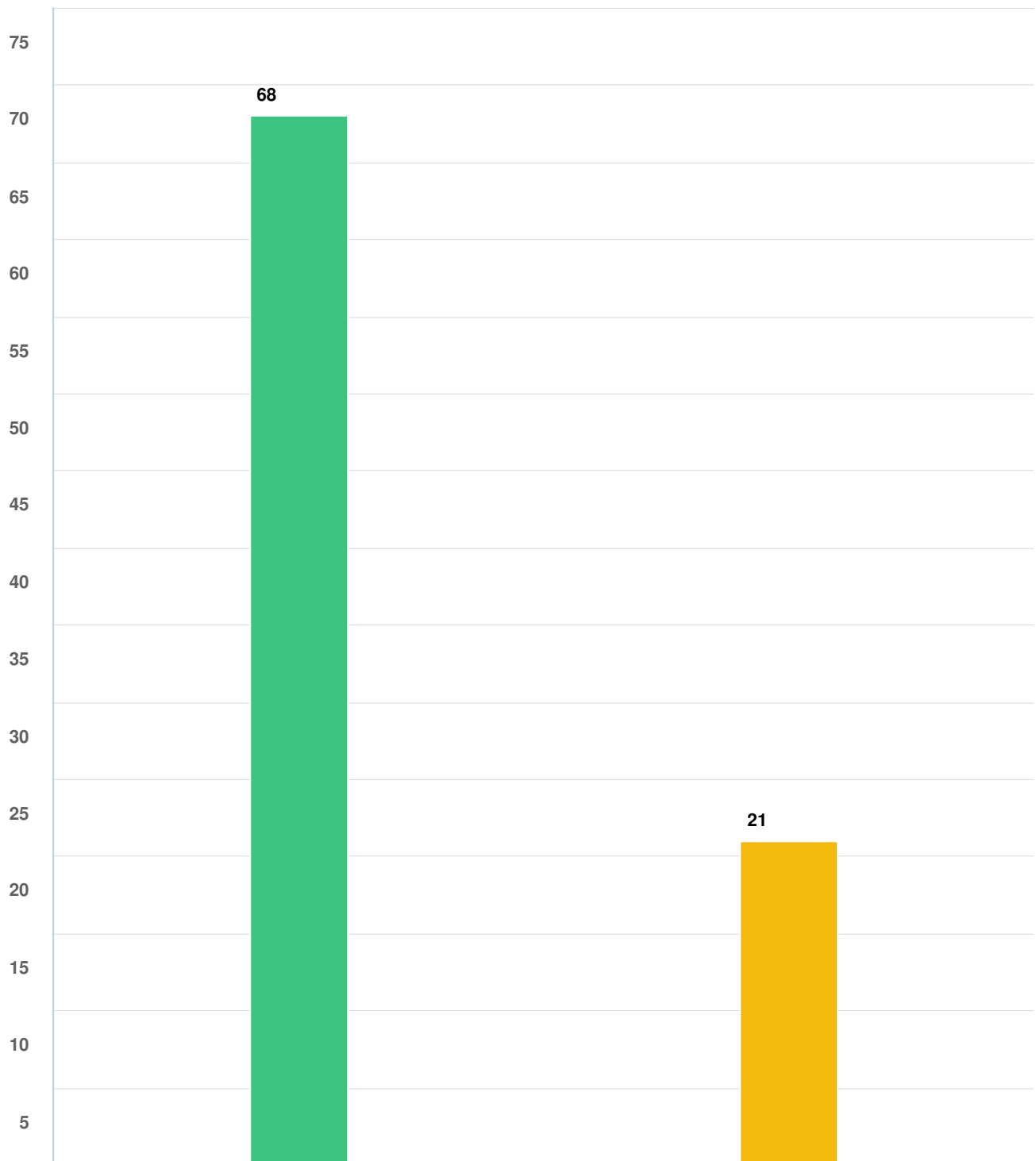


Question options

- Consultation undertaken in 2020 for developing the Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020 – 2030
- Gamba grass 'Have your say' survey in May 2022
- Neither of the above

Optional question (90 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 | Do you know what your legal requirements are to control gamba grass, in accordance with the Weed Management Plan for Gamba Grass 2020 - 2030



Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (89 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q8 | How did you find out about your legal requirements for managing gamba grass?

Anonymous 4/13/2023 09:46 AM	Was on the GG weed advisory committee but also have an interest in doing the right thing so keep up to date with requirements
Anonymous 4/13/2023 09:26 AM	DEPWS website
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:48 AM	Gamba website
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:41 AM	Weeds branch website
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:38 AM	Website
Anonymous 4/13/2023 12:38 PM	internet
Anonymous 4/13/2023 01:35 PM	I'm unaware of my legal requirements
Anonymous 4/13/2023 02:05 PM	GAP
Anonymous 4/13/2023 02:43 PM	In the press.
Anonymous 4/13/2023 03:37 PM	Asked a fire
Anonymous 4/13/2023 03:50 PM	Family knowledge, then online advertisement.
Anonymous 4/13/2023 06:53 PM	Word of mouth when picking up gamba poison
Anonymous	Poster dropped in PO Box and search NT Gov website.

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

Anonymous

Gamba army

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

Anonymous

Research on the internet, reading rhe plans

4/13/2023 09:05 PM

Anonymous

NTG weeds website

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Anonymous

Community notices, plant fairs

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Anonymous

Reading adverts on Facebook. Usually pop up around when the chemical is given out by the NT Gamba program. Word of mouth also about fines of people not maintaining it.

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Anonymous

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4/14/2023 05:49 AM

Anonymous

Dept of Environment (weeds & seeds)

4/14/2023 07:25 AM

Anonymous

Word of mouth

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

Anonymous

Na

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Anonymous

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4/14/2023 04:43 PM

Anonymous

Not sure of the legal requirements.

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Anonymous

Online

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

Anonymous

Management Plan

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Not sure

Anonymous

4/18/2023 08:57 AM

Workplace training and training at university

Anonymous

4/19/2023 12:08 PM

General knowledge followed by threat of fines/legal action.

Anonymous

4/19/2023 01:31 PM

Online

Anonymous

4/21/2023 12:47 PM

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Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Fred's Pass info stall. Other people

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

Keeping up to date with the gamba problem

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

Publications

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

Local community Facebook page

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

via Gamba Grass Roots and liaison with Bushfires NT and NTG
Weeds Management Branch

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:58 AM

On DEPWS website. It's. pity local govt doesn't practice what it
preaches. Gamba spreading along roadways.

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

N/A - I am going further than the legal requirements and am trying to
eradicate gamba from my block.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

TV advertising and emails from BFNT & Weeds Management

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

Social media

Anonymous

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

website

Anonymous

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

Research and speaking with Gamba Army volunteers.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 07:24 AM

Media

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

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Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Friends, local Volunteer Fire Brigade

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

Due diligence research

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Advertising

Anonymous

5/04/2023 01:45 PM

<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:24 AM

Gamba Grass Roots stalls and local bushfire brigade meetings.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:26 AM

Casuarina Coastal reserve staff through Adopt a Spot Volunteer program

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Face book

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Fire brigade

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

Internet research

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

Gamba action group

Anonymous

5/06/2023 08:55 PM

<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

Gamba program and weed management online

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

Conversations with colleagues, pamphlets, outreach events at shows etc.

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Northern Territory fire rescue service

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:23 AM

website, Plan

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

NRN Fire brigade Facebook

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

my wife mentioned something about it a few years ago

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Land for Wildlife and work as environmental scientist.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 09:09 PM

Research / public comms

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

I have read the weed management plan for gamba previously.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

NT gov website

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

Weeds dept

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

By reading the Gamba Management Plan and other Weed Management Branch materials and through my work for Gamba Grass Roots

Anonymous

5/11/2023 03:35 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

1. Initially by identifying it as a controlled weed and seeking ways of eradicating patches on our block ie Weeds Management Act. 2. By recognising the fire risk it posed from fuel load on neighbouring, adjoining blocks where no effort was being made to control ie Fire and Emergency Act.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

I've been participating to the best of my ability since I first heard about the dangers of gamba in 1994.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

The Gamba Plan

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

Weed management plan for gamba grass 2020 - 2030 and word of mouth

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Fine if surrounding properties manage gamba

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

online

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

Reading the Weed Management Plan

Optional question (77 response(s), 13 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q9 | Where would you like to see more information educating people about their gamba grass legal requirements?

Anonymous
4/13/2023 09:46 AM
Social media, NT news, radio, billboards, Freds Pass Show

Anonymous
4/13/2023 09:26 AM
Enforcement

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:48 AM
I'm not worried about private land, I'm worried about Government land. It doesn't matter what I do on my block when 500m away Crown Estate isn't controlling gamba.

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:41 AM
Rates notices in Litchfield shire

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:38 AM
Community

Anonymous
4/13/2023 01:35 PM
Mail drop and social media

Anonymous
4/13/2023 02:05 PM
Tv

Anonymous
4/13/2023 02:43 PM
In newspapers.

Anonymous
4/13/2023 03:37 PM
Media campaign? Info at hardware/gardening/rural stores?

Anonymous
4/13/2023 03:50 PM
Maybe on the fences of people who don't control theirs.

Anonymous
4/13/2023 04:26 PM
Social media

Anonymous
4/13/2023 06:53 PM
Social media

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

Everything. All means possible to get the message across to everyone. Letters to all land owners, posters in shops or high traffic areas. Short messages on those road side info boards. Local ABC radio. Talk about it in schools, Tafe, uni. Just everything.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

Local markets

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:05 PM

News papers, ABC news, radio

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Social media especially pages such as humpty Doo and rural areas etc.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

More on social media

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:13 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Social media is good, it's one of the best advertising platforms. When I see the advert it reminds me to claim my chemicals to get mine done. It's a nice reminder.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

Everywhere, print, social, television

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Don't know

Anonymous

4/14/2023 04:43 PM

Not sure

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

In as many places as possible. The dump. Shopping centres. Social media.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

Online and government social media

Anonymous

Maybe information provided to all landholders greater than 1 Ha.

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Most people wouldn't even know about the Govt Weeds area or management plan.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Post boxes I guess

Anonymous

4/18/2023 08:57 AM

Pastoralist information hubs (websites, newsletters, forums)

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/19/2023 12:08 PM

Do not believe this is necessary in this area as gamba is not an increaser species and it is not a fire hazard. There are many other more important factors that are impacting our environment in this location. It is difficult to see how much money is spent on gamba when there are so many other issues that impact our environment in this area. Darwin and surrounding areas is a very different scenario. Fire and gamba's ability to spread is a very real threat to that environment. It's unfortunate that we are not able to have resources that will directly impact and benefit our environment and the Territory is all lumped together.

Anonymous

4/19/2023 01:31 PM

No where

Anonymous

4/21/2023 12:47 PM

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Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Schools - geography lessons

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

Everywhere

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

Letters attached to property front gates so owners can't say they are not aware.

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:12 PM

Online, at local shopping centres, post office. Blocks overgrown with Gamba to be advised of duty of care

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

Direct mail or email

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

On Facebook and on Noticeboards throughout the community.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:58 AM

On Council websites. However this should be in combination with legal obligations pertaining to land clearing of rural blocks. There has been an increase in over clearing of rural blocks, which is contributing to the spread of weeds in the rural area.

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

The message needs to be advertised more widely such as on television and radio.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

Advertising is all good

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

Not sure . But letters to non -compliant land owners could be a start

Anonymous

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

Yes, but education is not necessarily going to help.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

yes.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 07:24 AM

Back of Bus s as advertising

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

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Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Radio, TV, newspapers, all other relevant media

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

Workshops through local community groups, social media, targeted mail and property visits

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Road side signs

Anonymous 5/04/2023 01:45 PM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 5/05/2023 10:24 AM	Local community notice boards, school visits, mass media (radio, TV, newspapers), community service group meetings, clearly explained and easily accessible web pages, council circulars to landholders, council meetings.
Anonymous 5/05/2023 10:26 AM	Darwin rural area land holders
Anonymous 5/05/2023 02:15 PM	Tv and radio
Anonymous 5/05/2023 03:54 PM	Road signs, TV and print media
Anonymous 5/05/2023 08:07 PM	Town notice boards
Anonymous 5/06/2023 09:24 AM	council rate notice time
Anonymous 5/06/2023 08:55 PM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 5/07/2023 08:28 AM	Needs to be more involvement with Councils and more advertising. Plus if the crown lands should take better gamba action on their properties and lead by example
Anonymous 5/07/2023 09:11 AM	Continue current strategy with addition of radio advertisements
Anonymous 5/07/2023 11:11 AM	Social media, TV, newspaper, At supermarkets and pubs for rural owners
Anonymous 5/08/2023 10:23 AM	not sure where is currently sourced from others. Community centres in rural area?

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Bushfire fb

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

mail box drops

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Real estate agents (package of information for interested land buyers.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

Facebook, Radio and TV ads.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

Television and radio

Anonymous

5/09/2023 10:37 PM

social media, advertising on free to air TV, flyers in shopping centres, leaflets sent to landowners

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

on site

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

On social media and mainstream media such as radio. Bushfires NT recently posted on Facebook about the need for 4m firebreaks but once again failed to mention 15m gamba free buffers. This lack of communicating the need for gamba free buffers is a constant issue which needs to be addressed. Weeds Branch stalls at markets and shopping centres would be helpful.

Anonymous

5/11/2023 03:35 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

1. Importantly, through the insurance industry. Their uptake on informing their customers of their legal obligations regarding the control of gamba has been non-existent. For example, read the Product Disclosure Statement of TIO which is devoid of any mention of the legal requirements of their customers to reducing fire risk from gamba . Consequently, land owners on rural blocks with native

vegetation through schemes such as 'Land for Wildlife' and others who do the right thing by controlling gamba, end up subsidising the insurance premiums of those who don't and pay more from a loss of a no claims bonus because the neighbour caused or spread the fire from the absence of gamba control measures. I wrote to the NT Minister and to TIO in 2020 shortly after we suffered from an extremely hot gamba grass fire and expressed these very same sentiments. Nothing has happened. Why? 2. The best way of controlling bad habits which pose a risk to life, limb and property is to educate and prosecute (ask the police). Get tough with those who repeatedly choose to ignore their legal and social responsibilities by failing to take action on extensive stands of gamba or fail to have or maintain fire breaks . Let's see a closer link being made between fuel load and weed control through public education adverts on the ABC and commercial stations. ABC show risk prevention measures in cyclone preparation; why are we not seeing public announcements in the NT on fire risk in the lead up to the Dry on the ABC? Have the NT Government taken any initiative on this? I've tried to find out from the ABC how that might happen in 2020 but its bureaucracy got in the way of my getting any meaningful response.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

All the places.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

Extractive Industries Association and extractive operators. Mines as regulators of the mining industries. Real Estate Industry.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

Television adds. Newspaper. Bill boards

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Crown land would be a good start.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

yes- there are isolated, very small outcrops everywhere - on public and private land and next year they will just be bigger plants and more extensive outcrops

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

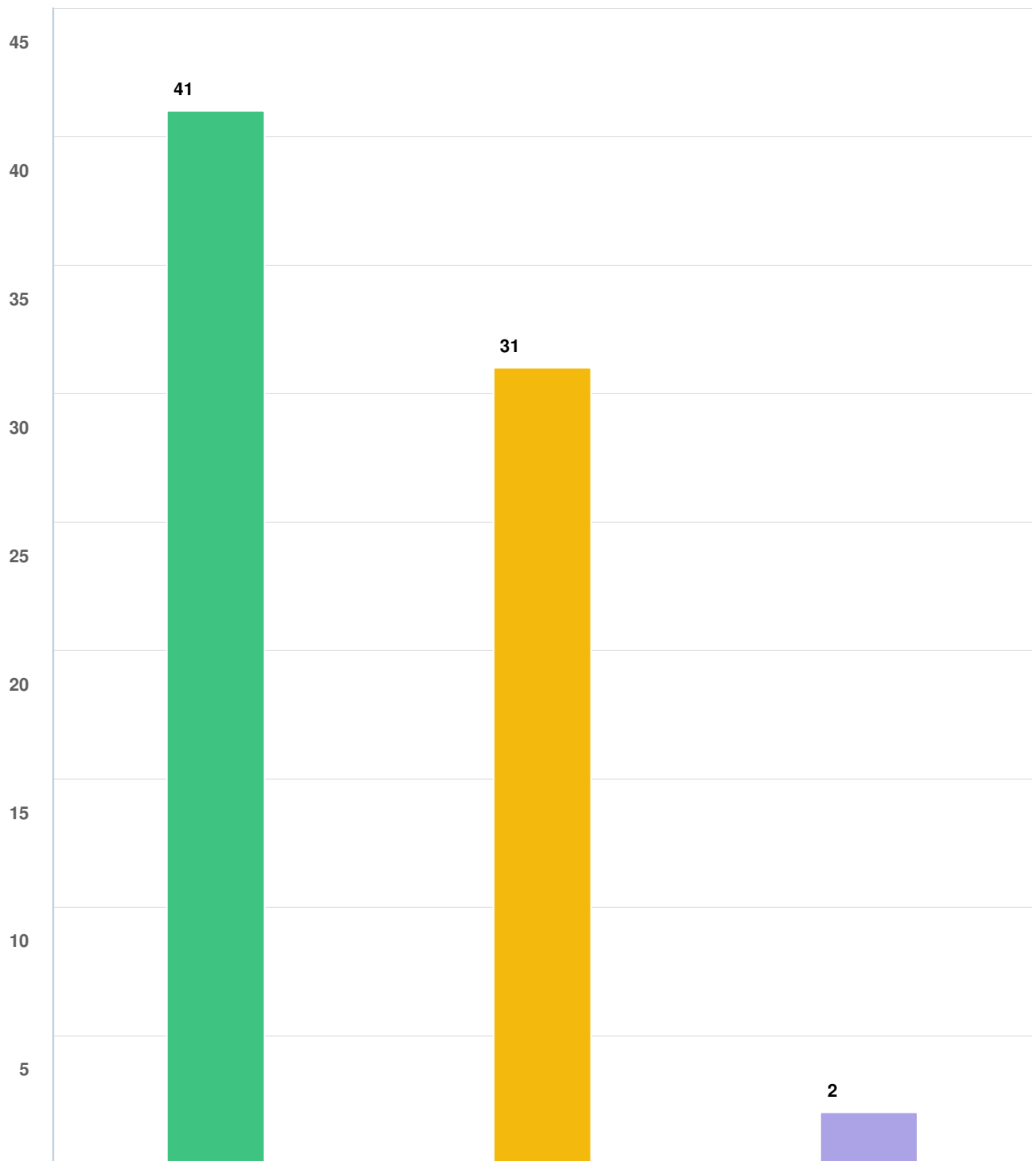
Very rarely have I met a rural land holder aware whatsoever of the plan and regulations taking effect July 1 this year, despite staff at Weed Management Branch having used various means to alert landholders. I suspect underlying this is an assumption that the NT Government doesn't mean what it says in that there will not be any compliance enforcement, so perhaps not worth paying attention to any gamba management plans or regulations considering

landholders' busy lives and other priorities for use of their time.

Optional question (77 response(s), 13 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q10 Are you managing gamba on a (less than 3Ha) block?



Question options

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (74 response(s), 16 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 | What is your understanding of why small properties (less than 3Ha) in the Class B zone are required to be gamba free?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

To prevent spread, and is considered feasible to eradicate it on blocks this size if everyone does their bit

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

Well understood. All gamba needs to be destroyed by July 2023

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

Because it is easy to control in small sections but it is pointless when Crown Estate don't control it 500m away from my land.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

Mainly to protect infrastructure, but also to prevent the spread of Gamba from small blocks to other areas

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

Stop spread

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

Nil

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

Because it's do-able.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:37 PM

Fire risk

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:50 PM

Fire hazard. Ease of spread.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

Unknown

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

Not sure. I guess its small enough area for single person to spray and kill all the gamba.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

Easier to control

Anonymous 4/13/2023 09:22 PM	Unsure but it is easily manageable with gamba program assistance
Anonymous 4/13/2023 10:08 PM	The smaller the block, the faster it spreads
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:13 PM	Not sure
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:51 PM	Fire hazard
Anonymous 4/14/2023 05:49 AM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 4/14/2023 09:25 AM	Don't know
Anonymous 4/14/2023 04:43 PM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 4/14/2023 09:37 PM	So it does not spread.
Anonymous 4/15/2023 09:50 AM	Reduce bushfire damage risk and weed control in general
Anonymous 4/17/2023 08:45 AM	Fire control, potential damage by fires fueled by Gamba.
Anonymous 4/18/2023 01:25 PM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 4/19/2023 01:31 PM	Fire danger
Anonymous 4/21/2023 09:20 AM	It is achievable. Unlike on all the government land
Anonymous 4/22/2023 01:36 PM	To stop the spread

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

Safety risks to property and life.

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:12 PM

Unsure

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

To help prevent spread of the weed

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

Many small blocks make up a massive area that an individual landowner has capacity to manage... so collectively, has a big impact on reducing Gamba.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:58 AM

To prevent the spread to unaffected areas to reinfection.

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

to help stop the movement of gamba through the zone.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

Legal requirements and the ability, Isfahan not controlled, to pass on to next door.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

All blocks should be Gamba free

Anonymous

5/03/2023 07:25 PM

Nik

Anonymous

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

These blocks must work to destroy the gamba by July 2023

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

none

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

To contain the growth and spread of this invasive grassy weed for environmental and human health and safety purposes.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Small properties add up to a larger area if not controlled, protect infrastructure

Anonymous <comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
5/04/2023 01:45 PM

Anonymous mainly for reducing hot wldfires
5/05/2023 01:52 PM

Anonymous Because it is achievable. Would make highly populated areas like
5/05/2023 02:15 PM Palmerston and Humpty Doo practically Gamba free.

Anonymous For fire safety and to prevent spread
5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Anonymous fire hazard and destruction of natuve vegetation. Particularly big
5/06/2023 09:24 AM timbers

Anonymous <comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
5/06/2023 08:55 PM

Anonymous To stop the spread
5/07/2023 08:28 AM

Anonymous Safety
5/07/2023 09:11 AM

Anonymous Fire management and the spread to larger areas and the answers
5/07/2023 11:11 AM from the lifestyle, etc question.

Anonymous feasibility, fire management/risk.
5/08/2023 10:23 AM

Anonymous Parcels of land that are not managed for Gamba could be a seed
5/08/2023 07:45 PM source for many neighbouring land parcels.

Anonymous <comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
5/09/2023 04:01 PM

Anonymous Because it should only be grown to feed cattle on properties large
5/09/2023 04:00 PM enough to prevent the spread to adjoining properties.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

Because it is feasible on smaller blocks, and poses a threat to residential properties, and therefore a safety risk

Anonymous

5/09/2023 10:37 PM

Any plants are capable of spreading seed. Just a few plants can set off a whole area.

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Because you can

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

easier and less expensive to control

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

So neighbours stop reinfesting each other and to reduce fire risks in the more populated parts of the rural area.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

It is totally feasible to achieve this

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

It is achievable, and will combine with other blocks to have more gamba free areas

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Mine is free of gamba. I have spent four years spraying on crown land to control infestations but have given up now due to knee injury.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

to enable some kind of control on gamba spread

Anonymous

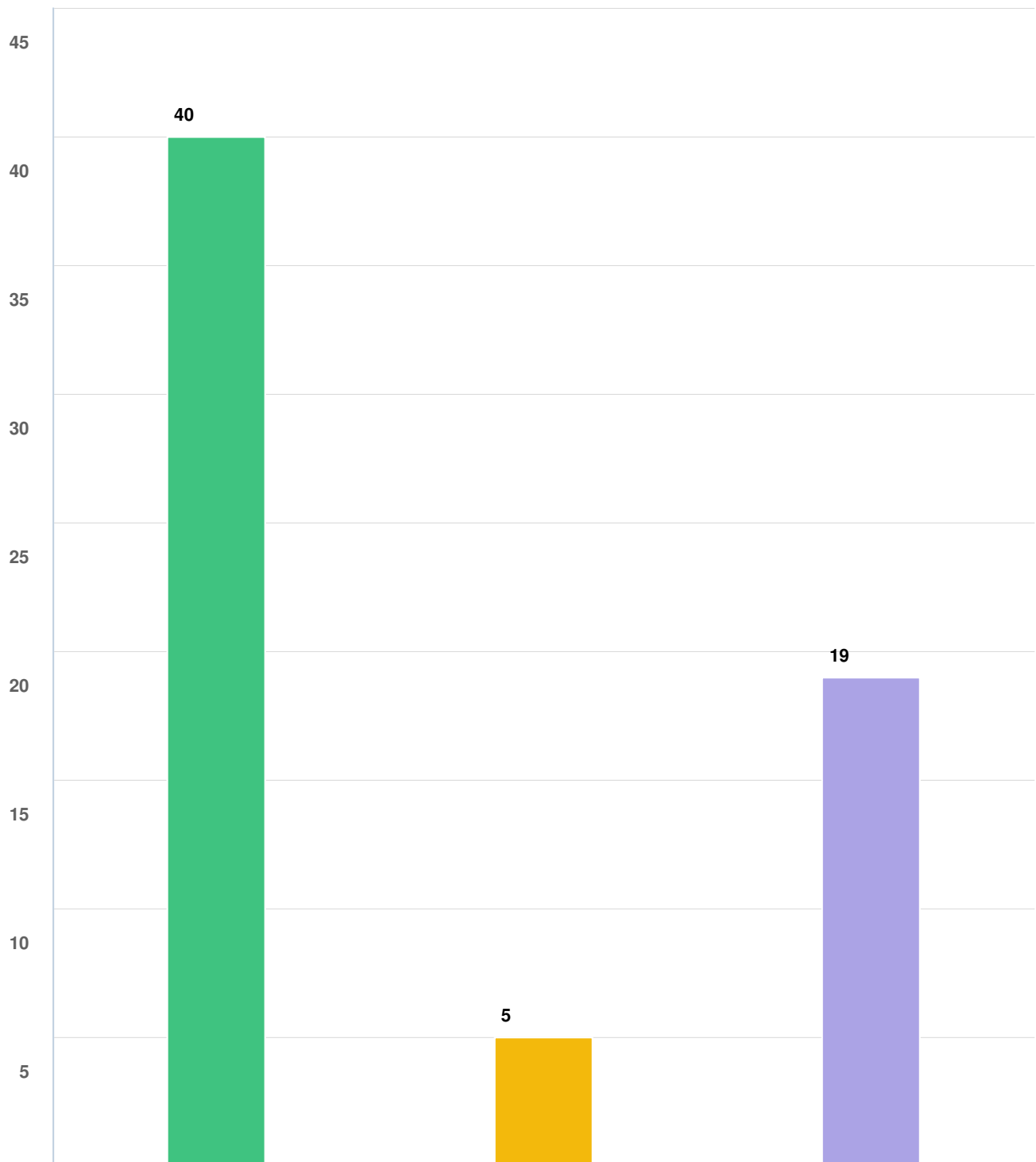
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I would assume primarily to stop gamba spreading into neighbouring properties, large or small, and because this is more achievable as a target than to require large property managers to do so.

Optional question (62 response(s), 28 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q12 | Are you working towards becoming gamba grass free on your (less than 3Ha) block by July 2023?



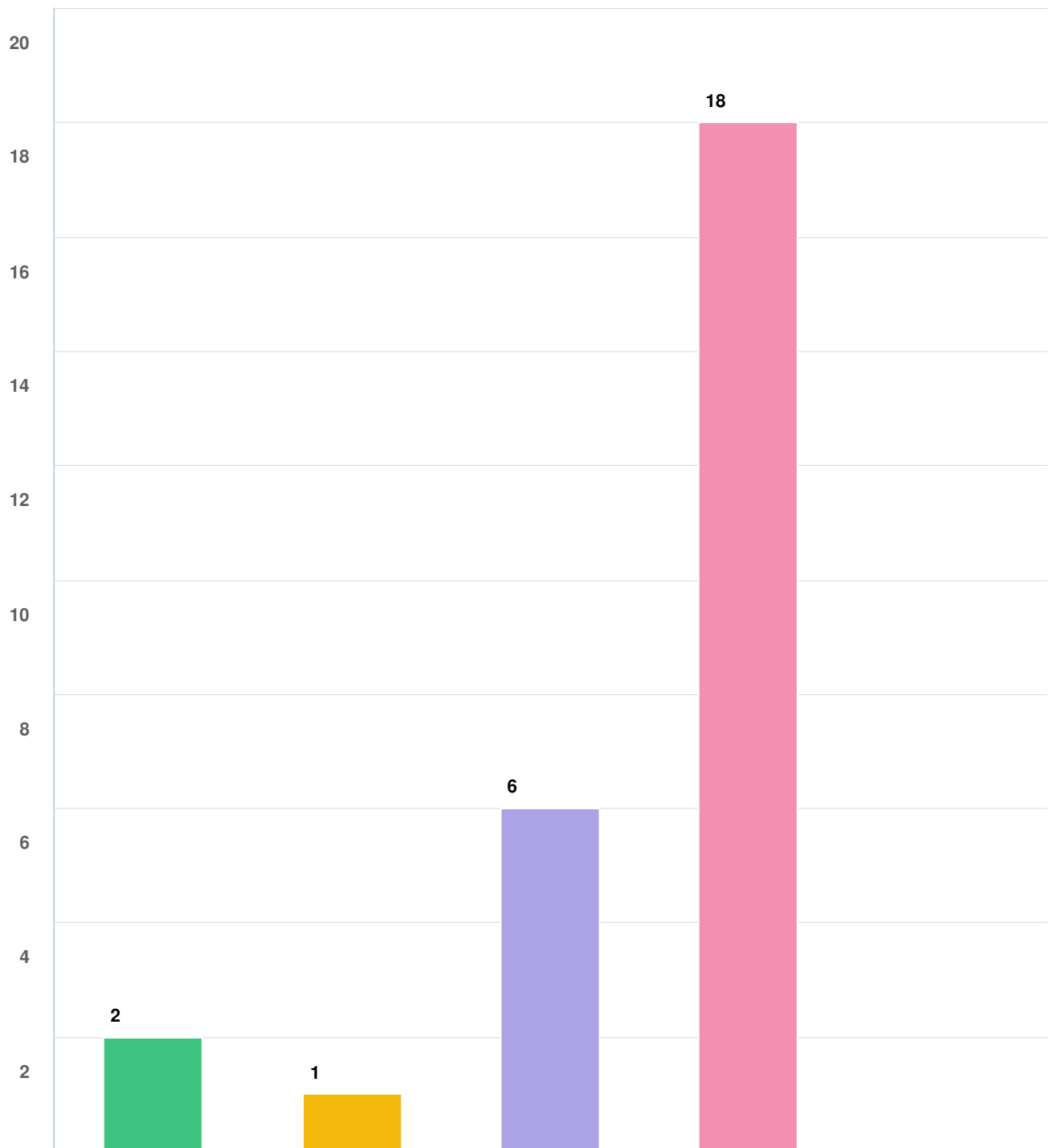
Question options

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (64 response(s), 26 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q13 | Why are you not working towards becoming gamba grass free on your (less than 3Ha) block by July 2023?

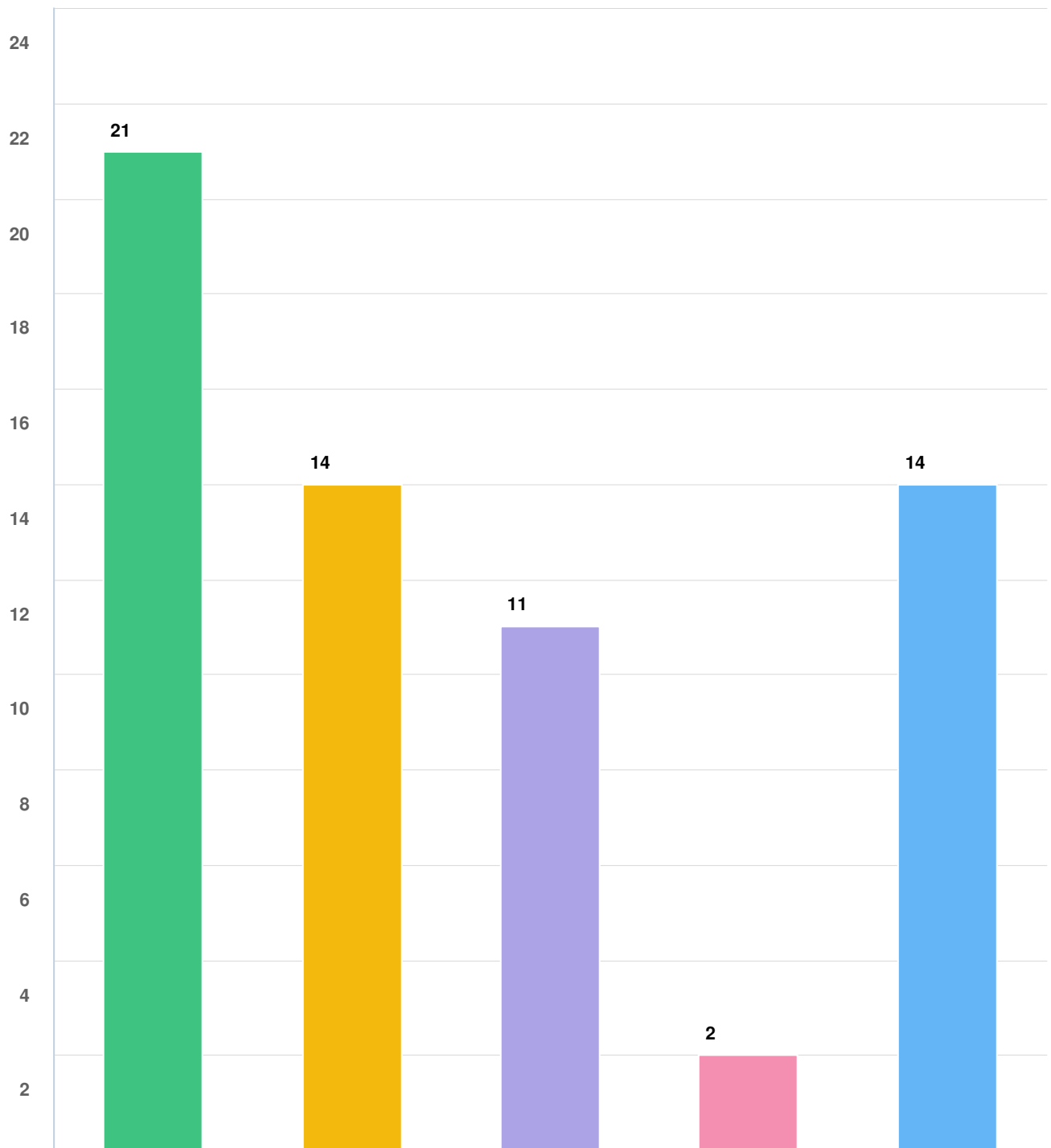


Question options

- Not enough money
- Not enough resources - e.g. access to weed spray units
- All of the above
- Other (please specify)
- Not enough time

Optional question (27 response(s), 63 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q14 How successful have you been managing gamba on your (less than 3Ha block)?

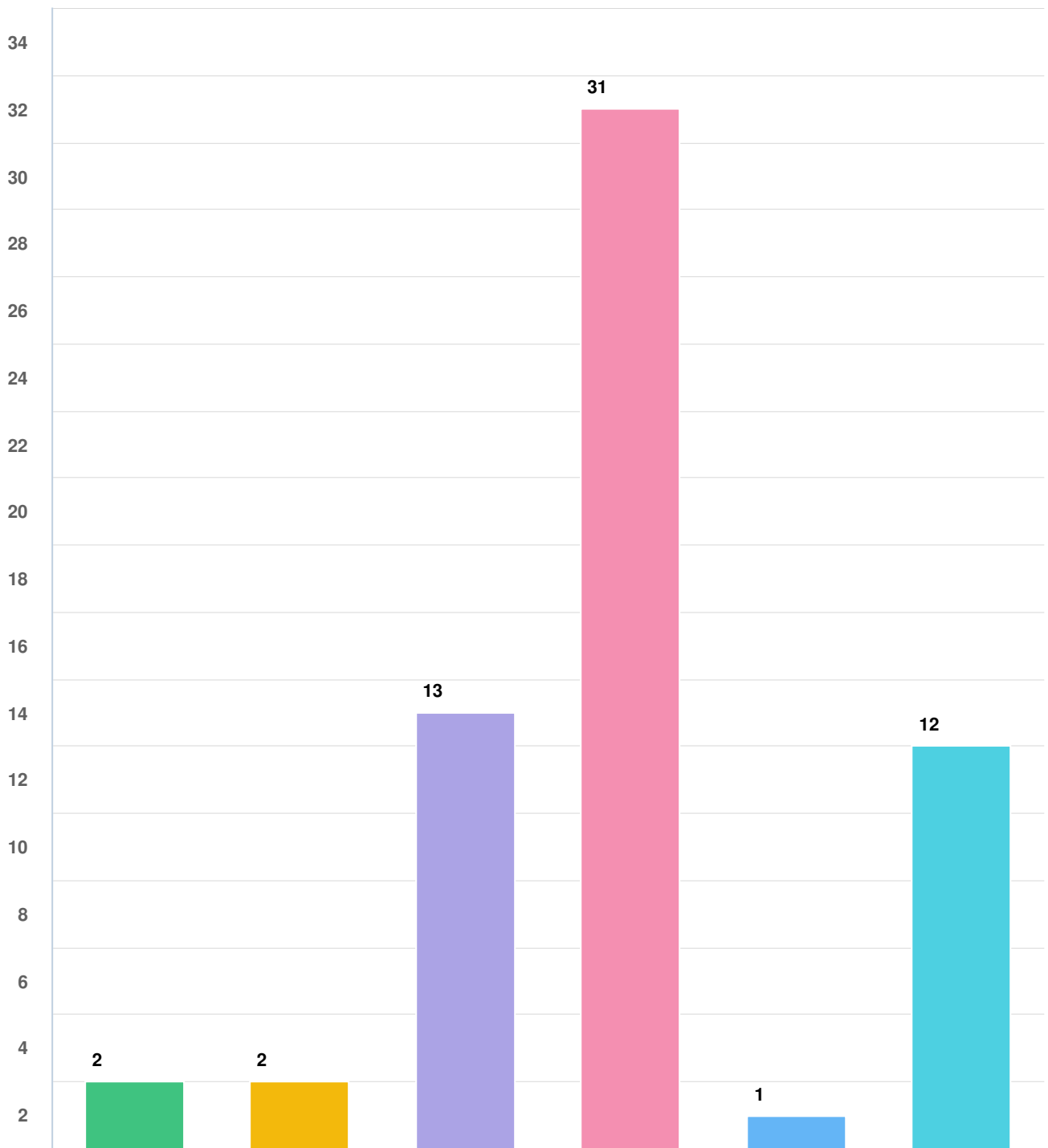


Question options

- All gamba destroyed on block and now just checking for regrowth
- Most gamba destroyed on block
- Some gamba destroyed on block
- Haven't started gamba control on block
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (60 response(s), 30 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q15 How long have you been working towards becoming gamba free?



Question options

- 6 months
- 6 - 12 months
- 12 - 24 months
- greater than 24 months
- I am not managing gamba on my (less than 3Ha block)
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (61 response(s), 29 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q16 | How many years do you think it will still take you to be gamba free on your (less than 3 Ha block)?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

Already gamba free but requires annual maintenance due to neighbours

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

Several years as the neighbors property is unmanaged

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

It will never be gamba free because Crown Estate doesn't remove the gamba 500m from my block.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

It's not feasible while neighbours continue to allow gamba to go unmanaged

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

1-2

Anonymous

4/13/2023 12:38 PM

6 years easily

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

Not sure

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:50 PM

Hopefully 2-3 more years.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

I think it will be on going for years to come especially if the neighbours don't do anything about it

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

I will never be gamba free, my neighbours don't control their properties and the seeds keep blowing in. I keep spraying, pulling, mowing and I've been able to reduce it but there is millions of seeds blowing from neighbours properties every year.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

5 years

Anonymous

As long as it takes for my neighbours to eradicate their gamba

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Anonymous

Forever as neighbours are not managing their gamba

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Anonymous

3 years

4/13/2023 11:13 PM

Anonymous

Probably won't happen as neighbours on left side of my property do not manage their gamba whatsoever. Have even had a major fire rip through their properties in 2022 and I don't believe they even got a fine. And I can only do my fencelines, not my open paddocks.

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Anonymous

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4/14/2023 05:49 AM

Anonymous

I don't know if I will ever be able to keep my block free. Particularly as some neighbours do very little to manage theirs!

4/14/2023 07:25 AM

Anonymous

2

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

Anonymous

Not sure as adjoining property has several acres of it

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Anonymous

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4/14/2023 04:43 PM

If the neighbours would clean up theirs it could be done very quickly.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Anonymous

Unless my neighbours take action to do something about their own gamba, I'm not confident I'll ever succeed with total eradication.

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

2 years

Anonymous

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Na

Anonymous

4/19/2023 01:31 PM

Anonymous 4/22/2023 01:36 PM	2 years
Anonymous 4/23/2023 12:24 PM	Proudly Gamba free now
Anonymous 4/23/2023 02:05 PM	12 months
Anonymous 4/24/2023 09:15 AM	At least two years to control and then prevent regrowth
Anonymous 4/24/2023 10:58 AM	Forever because those in surround blocks are not controlling it, nor is the Litchfield Council
Anonymous 5/03/2023 09:45 AM	One
Anonymous 5/03/2023 01:03 PM	Probably never !! on an 8 hectare block constantly reinfested by non-compliant neighbors
Anonymous 5/03/2023 07:25 PM	3years
Anonymous 5/04/2023 08:24 AM	See Above
Anonymous 5/04/2023 10:58 AM	Countless. It may never be eradicated.
Anonymous 5/04/2023 11:51 AM	Continuing due to neighbouring blocks being lazy
Anonymous 5/04/2023 01:45 PM	NA
Anonymous 5/05/2023 03:54 PM	Constant monitoring and spit controls due to neighbours Gamba and other weeds
Anonymous	must monitor each year for any re growth particularly around fire

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

breaks since neighbours allow theirs to grow to seeding hight grrr

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

At least 5 due to surrounding areas only being maintained by burn off after seeding and wind spread

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

ongoing-until all surrounding properties are free of gamba

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Forever if neighbours don't control theirs.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:23 AM

na

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Although our 5 acre block is now Gamba free, I still discover young gamba grass appearing each year - most likely seeded from neighbouring land.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

We are doing OK in the Bynoe area as there are few nearby infestations.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

Probably 2

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

At least another 3 years for the seed bank to deplete. Though it's likely to be longer as it depends on many external factors beyond my control such as nearby gamba fires carrying seeds onto my block, the crown land behind me managing their gamba, the road verges being maintained (Litchfield Council seem to be improving their efforts), and my uphill neighbours removing their gamba.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

Why assume all properties have gamba and that i have only 1 property?

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Mine is free. Crown land is not

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

I may remove all gamba but I have x2 blocks directly opposite with untreated gamba and those seeds are currently blowing straight onto my block

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

Not applicable - donot own such a property.

Optional question (51 response(s), 39 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q17 | What would help you to be more successful with your gamba management?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

Enforcement of gamba regulations. Gamba is actually getting worse year on year in my street (Lamandilla Road Herbert). I have noticed blocks that were previously gamba free now have uncontrolled gamba. It's getting worse, not better, in my area of Herbert.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

More time and resources

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

If Crown Estate removed gamba that is within 1km of my land.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

Enforcement of unmanaged gamba infestations

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

More free chemical

Anonymous

4/13/2023 12:38 PM

more supply of chemical from the government, the give you minimal, it rains it shoots then i have to spray again, its not a spray once a year plant its a pain

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

The continued assistance of weed control resources

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

If everyone made an effort.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:37 PM

Neighbours complying! I get constant invasion of new plants from two sides :(

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:50 PM

Gamba I was able to ID. Now mission grass has come and I've had to start spraying that. Help IDing weeds vs native grasses as I fear I am taking out species which are native in an attempt to remove all gamba and mission grasses.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

If the neighbours got involved and started managing it

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

Force property owners to manage gamba, heavy fines or make them pay more in tax or higher council fees so it would cover for commercial business to spray their block, no questions asked. Just either you do it or you have to pay for someone else to do it.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

More herbicide and professional help

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Maybe a street by street approach where residents work together. It only takes one to undo a lot of good work by others

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Ensure everyone around is also managing their gamba

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:13 PM

Council to do more spraying on council land and owners to do more on their land. I'm pulling my weight, others aren't, including the council

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

If the neighbours actually got a boot up their ar#es to control their gamba. You'd think a bushfire would be an attitude adjustment but clearly not. 8m tall again along the fenceline.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 05:49 AM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:25 AM

I do believe that I am doing enough

Anonymous

Neighbours and council land surrounding also being treated. Access

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

to spray and equipment. We didn't create this so how about those who did provide the means to eradicate it.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Neighbours getting rid of theirs

Anonymous

4/14/2023 04:43 PM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:28 PM

Free poison and tools to use poison

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

More free poison and all three of our neighbours doing their blocks. We have nearly got rid of all our gamba but theirs keeps coming over our fences. It can never work unless everyone does the right thing.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

More action from regulators and government being more proactive with eradication on crown land and reserves.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Everyone else doing controls as well

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Anonymous

4/19/2023 01:31 PM

Na

Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Free weed spray

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

Fining neighbours for not controlling Gamba, also NT gov and litchfield council need to manage gamba on their land to help reduce spread onto my land

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

If neighbouring property owners and road verges kept on top of their gamba grass.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

Greater access to sprays and spraying units; option to call on professional resources if required; greater control on surrounding blocks

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:58 AM

Stop people clearing greater than 20% of their rural blocks. An aggregated clearing of 1 ha on a 2 ha block is 50%. It is too much clearing. Start fining people. Herbert is becoming a wasteland of lawns and weeds. As per EDO "... there is no coherent, rigorous legal framework regulating land clearing in the NT." Stop clear felling areas earmarked for suburban development. It's a waste of habitat and kills everything in its wake.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

Maintain my personal interest in removing it.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

I would like to see more compliance checks in the rural area

Anonymous

5/03/2023 07:25 PM

Access to gamba prevention equipment

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

Utilizing all Darwin Fire Brigades in burning off country around Darwin - Especially Ludmilla Ck - Bagot - MacDonalds areas - It is almost too late now as again the powers-to-be have ignored the slow burn period window. Serious burns coming up!

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Introduction of biological control agents

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

Neighbouring properties also managing Gamba.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Don't know

Anonymous

5/04/2023 01:45 PM

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Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Need to be vigilant every year.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Neighbours making an effort

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

nothing really. Council supplied the spray for free for the years I was spraying. The system works

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

For everyone and government and councils to do the same management.

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

All surrounding landowners complying

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Continuing the free spray program . Enforcing Control on all blocks.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:23 AM

combined cross-neighbour coordination.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Continued efforts to keep council and government reserves weed free.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

NT Government and local governments must start killing gamba on verges, this is how it mostly travels.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

Man power

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

If everyone, including government agencies at all levels, managed their gamba, gamba fires which spread seeds were reduced, and if I had more time to spend on gamba removal and more herbicide.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

If there were greater efforts to make my neighbours do anything at all.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

On National Parks, would be more rangers

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

NTG clean up their property

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

we have been aware of gamba for 20 years - since the earliest huge infestations in Batchelor - people just aren't capable of caring or identifying plants on their properties - it's a losing battle - as time has proven

Anonymous

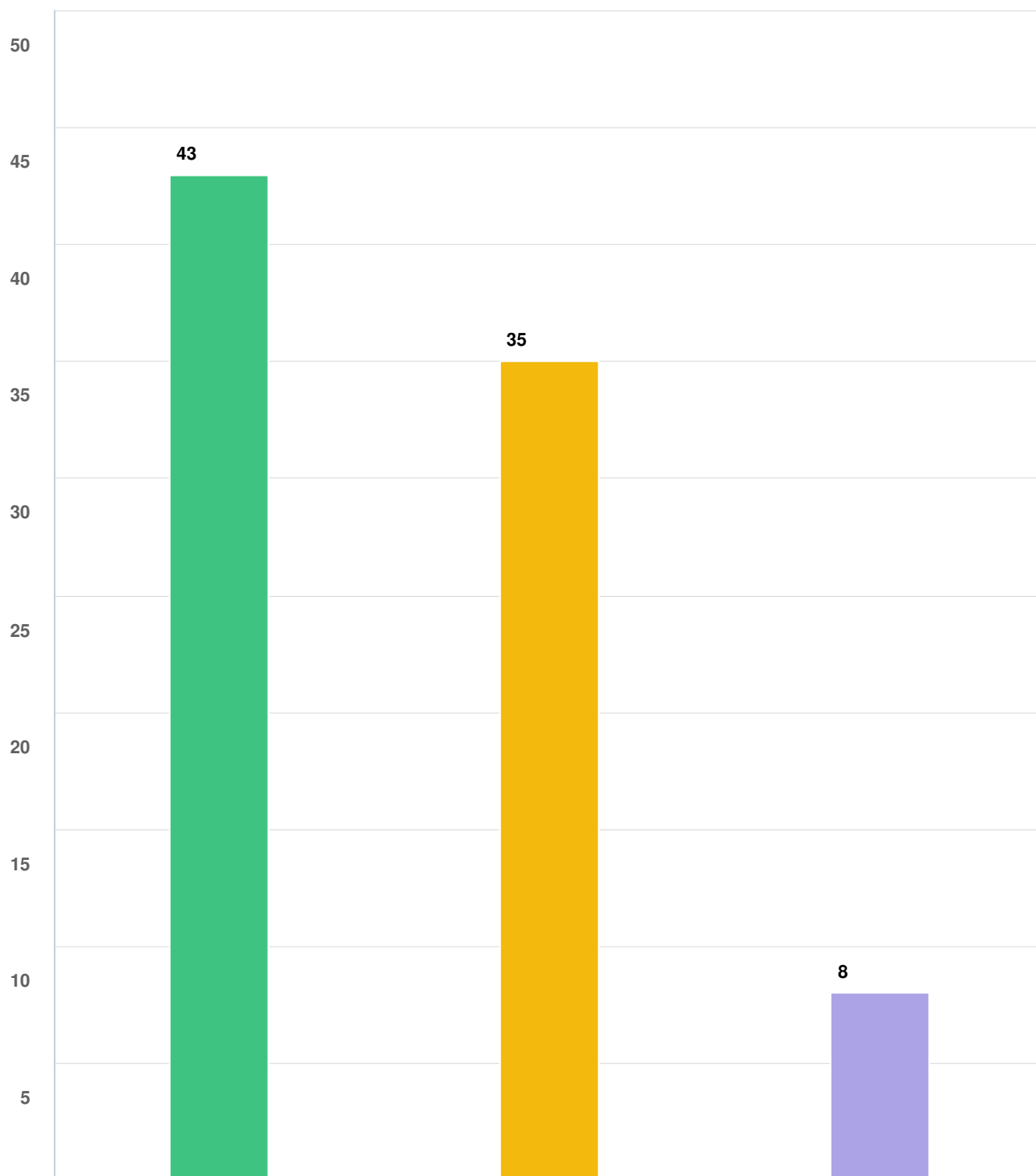
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As a volunteer group working on National Park land, we use own fuel to access the park by vehicle. Some contribution by the NT Government would greatly assist and make it possible to do more such work.

Optional question (58 response(s), 32 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q18 | Have you participated in the Gamba Action Program during the 2022/23 by collecting either herbicide or a weed spray unit?



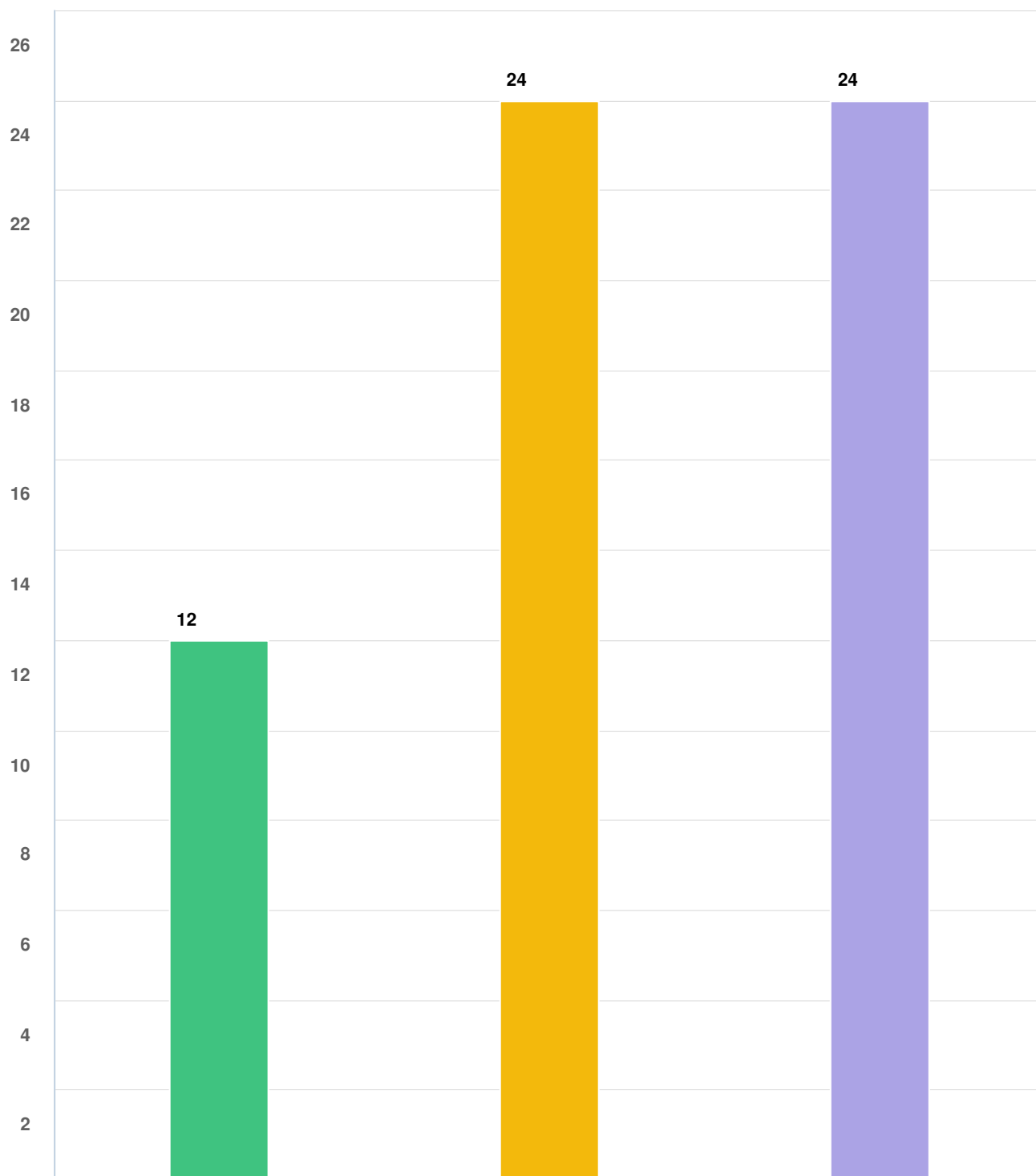
Question options

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (86 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q19 | How many years have you participated in the Gamba Action Program collecting free herbicide / spray units?



Question options

- 1 year
- 2 to 4 years
- More than 4 years

Optional question (60 response(s), 30 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q20 | Has the Gamba Action Program helped you to manage gamba grass on your property to meet your legal requirements?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

No - I haven't used it. I don't need a handout to control my gamba. I consider it to be my responsibility at my cost.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

Yes it has.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

Not needed. I pulled all gamba out by hand and do not use herbicide.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

Yes - in that it's saved the small cost of buying herbicide

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 12:38 PM

no

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:43 PM

Yes, at my home. But at the club the 5lt unit was inadequate for our infestation.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:37 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:50 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 04:26 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 04:55 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

Yes but the lowering of the amount for the acreage is not good enough

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

Yes. Hugely. 1st year I only used the poison I collected and I was able to reduce the gamba massively.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

Yes but still nowhere near enough to spray a 8ha block

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Yes, there should be no excuses

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:13 PM

No

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Sure has. It's a fantastic program.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 05:49 AM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Yes

Anonymous

4/14/2023 04:43 PM

Yes

Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:28 PM

No

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Yes

Anonymous 4/15/2023 09:50 AM	Yes, however I'm at an age (retired) where it's becoming harder to manage.
Anonymous 4/17/2023 08:45 AM	A little. Herbicide provided wasn't great, needs to be 540 not 360. Ended up using herbicide used by work.
Anonymous 4/17/2023 06:46 PM	No
Anonymous 4/18/2023 01:25 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/19/2023 12:08 PM	No
Anonymous 4/19/2023 01:31 PM	No
Anonymous 4/21/2023 12:47 PM	No
Anonymous 4/22/2023 01:36 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/23/2023 12:24 PM	No, I don't need help, I will leave the free herbicide for people that need assistance
Anonymous 4/23/2023 02:05 PM	Yes, free herbicide used.
Anonymous 4/23/2023 02:12 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/24/2023 09:15 AM	Partly
Anonymous 4/24/2023 10:54 AM	No
Anonymous	yes certainly

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

Anonymous

Most definitely

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

Anonymous

Yes But constantly reinfected by non-compliant neighbors

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

Anonymous

No

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

Anonymous

Nope

5/03/2023 07:25 PM

Anonymous

yes, i have made significant in roads into getting rid of gamba on my property.

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

Anonymous

About 10% contribution to annual herbicide and spray unit maintenance costs, with no allowance for the months per year I personally contribute in time.

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Anonymous

NA

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

Anonymous

Yes

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Anonymous

Yes.

5/04/2023 01:45 PM

Anonymous

No. Ten years ago I entered into a TNRM Conservation Agreement which granted some funds to help with herbicide purchase over the period of the agreement. That agreement period has now expired.

5/05/2023 10:24 AM

Anonymous

I have 2 donkeys who have eliminated gamba without use of pesticide

5/05/2023 01:52 PM

Anonymous

Yes. It's a big expense that I may not have been able to afford.

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Yes

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

No! The herbicide was a big help in the past but has been unavailable for the last 2-3 years (very limited supply)

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

yes

Anonymous

5/06/2023 08:55 PM

Yes

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

Absolutely. Best year was when they gave out 10lt bottles as this got to all of my grass that year. 5 Lt just not quite enough

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

Yes

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Yes, apart from neighbours

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Yes in the sense we have access to small amounts of herbicide some years

Anonymous

5/08/2023 01:59 PM

No

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

No, not really? we use cattle and slashing breaks to manage the grass and have avoided spraying herbicide due to the cattle. It is a slow process but over the years the cattle have made small changes every year to the density of our issue, along with internal fences to restrict the cattle movement across the block so they concentrate on smaller areas

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

No, only because we have not had a major Gamba problem. I found it more convenient to buy our own spray and backpack weed sprayer.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Anonymous 5/09/2023 04:00 PM	Yes.
Anonymous 5/09/2023 07:45 PM	Yes, by providing herbicide and advice with the management guide
Anonymous 5/10/2023 07:14 AM	Yes
Anonymous 5/10/2023 12:38 PM	no
Anonymous 5/11/2023 12:59 PM	Yes, especially in the past when I could not afford to buy my own herbicide and could get enough from the GAP to spray my gamba over the entire block.
Anonymous 5/11/2023 03:35 PM	No
Anonymous 5/11/2023 06:11 PM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 5/11/2023 10:49 PM	Very much so and we encourage its continuation
Anonymous 5/12/2023 04:28 PM	No we remove it completely and dont need to spray as there is only a seedling here or there and another over there. But it may be useful for some.
Anonymous 5/12/2023 05:48 PM	N/A
Anonymous 5/12/2023 10:18 PM	Yes
Anonymous 5/12/2023 10:24 PM	yes

Optional question (75 response(s), 15 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q21 | Did you spray gamba grass with the herbicide you collected?

Anonymous
4/13/2023 09:26 AM
Yes I have

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:48 AM
Not needed. I pulled all gamba out by hand and do not use herbicide.

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:41 AM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:38 AM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 12:38 PM
yes but it didnt cover it all

Anonymous
4/13/2023 01:35 PM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 02:05 PM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 02:43 PM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 03:37 PM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 03:50 PM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 04:26 PM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 04:55 PM
Yes

Anonymous
4/13/2023 06:53 PM
Yes every year usually spray two or three times

Anonymous 4/13/2023 08:29 PM	Yes.
Anonymous 4/13/2023 08:33 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/13/2023 09:22 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/13/2023 10:08 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:13 PM	Yes and pulled out by hand
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:51 PM	Yep. And hired a unit as well which was really great.
Anonymous 4/14/2023 05:49 AM	Yes
Anonymous 4/14/2023 08:17 AM	Yes
Anonymous 4/14/2023 09:25 AM	Yes
Anonymous 4/14/2023 04:43 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/14/2023 09:37 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/15/2023 09:50 AM	Yes.
Anonymous 4/17/2023 08:45 AM	Yes
Anonymous 4/17/2023 06:46 PM	Yes

Anonymous 4/18/2023 01:25 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/19/2023 12:08 PM	No
Anonymous 4/19/2023 01:31 PM	No
Anonymous 4/21/2023 12:47 PM	N/A
Anonymous 4/22/2023 01:36 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/23/2023 02:05 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/23/2023 02:12 PM	Yes
Anonymous 4/24/2023 09:15 AM	Yes and part of the neighbours block too
Anonymous 4/24/2023 10:54 AM	No
Anonymous 5/01/2023 04:56 PM	yes and lots of it!
Anonymous 5/03/2023 09:45 AM	Yes
Anonymous 5/03/2023 01:03 PM	Yes But have also hired a contractor to spray at great cost
Anonymous 5/03/2023 06:25 PM	Bought our own or used vinegar.
Anonymous 5/03/2023 11:28 PM	yes

Anonymous
5/04/2023 10:03 AM
Yes. Also contributed about 50L of 540G/L a.i. glyphosate herbicide at my cost.

Anonymous
5/04/2023 10:58 AM
NA

Anonymous
5/04/2023 11:51 AM
Yes

Anonymous
5/04/2023 01:45 PM
<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Anonymous
5/05/2023 01:52 PM
no

Anonymous
5/05/2023 02:15 PM
Yes

Anonymous
5/05/2023 03:54 PM
Yes

Anonymous
5/05/2023 08:07 PM
No- we purchased our own herbicide!

Anonymous
5/06/2023 09:24 AM
yes

Anonymous
5/06/2023 08:55 PM
Yes

Anonymous
5/07/2023 08:28 AM
Yes

Anonymous
5/07/2023 09:11 AM
Yes

Anonymous
5/07/2023 11:11 AM
Yes

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

We sprayed selected fencelines away from growing areas. Our neighbours have extreme gamba levels

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

used to, but not anymore

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

yes - however the hours of being able to collect the herbicide is ridiculous - there needs to be more than one point of pick up - several distribution points that are also open on the weekend - use the local hardware stores/servos. make it easy!

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

Yes absolutely but my main weeds are mission and hyptis.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

Yes

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Yes

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

no

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

I always use the GAP herbicide to spray gamba, though occasionally I'll also use it on mission grass that is amongst the gamba.

Anonymous

5/11/2023 03:35 PM

Yes

Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

Yes

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

N/A

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Yes

Anonymous

yes

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

Optional question (68 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q22 | What other support or changes do you think could be made to make the Gamba Action Program even more effective and meet community needs?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

Don't close the program down over the Christmas - New Year break! This is when most people are on holidays and could come and get herbicide and treat their gamba. I know NTG staff typically take leave that week - so either roster someone on or use private contractors to run the program. You also run out of herbicide every year before the end of the gamba treatment season - you need to increase the amount available so more people can access it. There also needs to be more surveillance to make sure people are using it for gamba control so that the program is targeting the problem.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

More enforcement for people not managing their gamba and allowing it to spread

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

If Crown Estates did their job then you can easily name and shame land owners who don't manage gamba on their properties.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

Targeted offers of assistance followed up by enforcement if assistance is not utilised effectively

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

Government needs to control gamba also

Anonymous

4/13/2023 12:38 PM

support people with burning there blocks, i asked the fire department if they would help me burn it as i didnt have equipment to do it safely

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

Gamba Action program to be available for longer periods I missed the program this year due to ongoing rain making it impossible to source the equipment

Anonymous

Better advertising on TV and radio. Some people STILL don't know

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

how to identify it or management options.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:43 PM

Return to at least the 10lt units for blocks up to 20 acres, and 20lt unit of 540 for bigger blocks such as NT Field and Game range at Mickett Creek Shooting Complex. Public recognition and prizes for best efforts by community groups.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:37 PM

Being able to dob in non compliant neighbours

Anonymous

4/13/2023 04:26 PM

Heftier fines

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

Have stricter laws and a better onboard management plan

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

Keep the free poison and equipment loan. Apply penalties to people who do not take care of their land. Force pastoralist to kill gamba and not use it for stock feed.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

More herbicide and professional help

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

People still seem to have a lack of awareness of gamba or how to manage it. There is plenty of information available but only if you look for it.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Services or people that may assist people to control gamba when they cannot

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:13 PM

More herbicides, more action by council in terms of spraying and enforcement

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Harder action on properties not complying.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 05:49 AM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:25 AM

I see grass growing out of control on the road verge, I see many blocks where grass is growing and appears to be no management, I see grass growing out of control in bush/vacant/crown land. Then there's the "enhancers", dirt/quad bikes and buggies which are out of control (particularly rural) spreading ALL weeds like wild fires! Now government has problems keeping these pests out of its groundwater reserve in between Girraween & Gunn Point Roads let alone the greater rural area where gamba is an even bigger issue!!

Anonymous

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

Find it properly. This problem was introduced with no apparent cost to those responsible yet residents are expected to eradicate it or face prosecution. National parks and other government/council land are left to flourish with Gamba yet we are threatened. Commercial owned block are left with no efforts at all yet the small guy gets punished.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Enforcement to people who don't try to manage it

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Inspections of properties via drone to see people are complying.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

Why not engage the work gangs from low security prison inmates to assist land owners with spraying. I would happily pay \$500 to \$1000 to an active group to be able to spray the remaining outcrops our 20 acres on the Blackmore River. Areas along the river require foot access due to terrain and as a retiree, it's becoming more and more difficult to manage. I know that NT Corrections have work gangs that are able to assist local businesses and community. I've heard it's quite a successful program. Please reach out to NT corrections to discuss.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Need to support landholders more, too much to do, not enough money to buy or hire a tractor which then makes any spraying done as pointless . Need to have pay off programs, have added onto rates perhaps if you choose

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/19/2023 12:08 PM

The Gamba Action Program needs to be addressing areas where gamba is an actual threat. I am not aware of any consultation for this area. I am not aware of any instances where gamba has played a part

in fire or has taken over. Gamba does not grow on the side of the road like it does north of Pine Creek. I would like to see changes to the legislation and I would like to see tax payers money spent in a way that is showing a cost benefit analysis rather than spending money just as an exercise to spend money.

Anonymous

4/19/2023 01:31 PM

Na

Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Advice on Neighbour's properties that aren't being managed

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

Massive fines for all property owners not managing gamba including government agencies

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

Free one on one discussions with landowners that don't know what to do (not sure if this is already be part of the program)

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:12 PM

Some rural residents are nit aware of the Gamba Action Program

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

Information program for new residents; option to call on professional resources if required; council able to control spray on blocks where Gamba is not being controlled.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

More funds to provide more herbicide to those who require it. Trying different approaches in an integrated way such as stock , etc.

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

more herbicide made available. I would also like to see made available some native grass seeds or something similar we can try to fill the void created once gamba has been sprayed.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

The local Fire Brigade distribute poison already however they run dry of the poisons and local residents have to travel to Coolalinga to obtain more

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

More compliance checks

Anonymous

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

Enforce gamba free zone. Govt. approach landholders who don't comply with the law (neighbours often won't take action as I found out).

Anonymous

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

reinstate the herbicide amounts we have previously received. this year small amounts were given. more push for blocks that do not control their gamba. My property was almost gamba free, however in the past 2 years it has expanded because there are people who have zero breaks, and zero control measures in place.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

1. Enforce the laws and regulations 2. Increase herbicide support to those who can evidentially prove they are effectively carrying out more than the minimum legal requirement (e.g. by direct site inspection by Weeds Branch officer). 3. The whole program requires a massive financial boost.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

Not sure

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

More spraying of crown land, reserves, parks etc by government

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Road verges need better monitoring.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

More spray available, even at discounted rates

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

More herbicide availability. More control of gamba grass on road verges and government and council controlled land.

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

nothing

Anonymous

5/06/2023 08:55 PM

<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

More herbicide. I missed out this wet season as too busy to collect during your minimal hours of trade. Saturday morning availability while markets are on would be amazing

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

education on weed ID, herbicide application and use

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Assistants for people tha perhaps can't physically do the job

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Change the thinking that spraying will help larger landholders.
Support other methods of control and management like cattle

Anonymous

5/08/2023 01:59 PM

Stop burning, stop using glyphosate especially near waterways.
Grazing management only

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

those responsible for introducing the grass take ownership and wear costs for the management there of. Maybe the placement of cattle on blocks of land to graze the grass down, then pick them back off after a year or two? agistment program. assign a local area manager to look after the cattle welfare on blocks

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Gamba ID videos/links emailed to rural landholders.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 09:09 PM

We us trial / investigate cell-grazing options in appropriate settings which would reduce herbicide use

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

councils/government need to ensure public areas are manage - it spreads so easily that there needs to be a coordinated effort or there is no point

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

Give away more herbicide. 5 litres for a 1500 Ha block is a joke. If you are serious (and you should be for the environmental damage it is causing), you should be handing it over at every public event during February-April. Too late by May.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

Networking opportunites. Potentially helping neighbours collaborate

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Paid positions people with spray units go and help landowners

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

nil

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

Ensure that there is enough herbicide available for everyone to get what they need to spray their gamba. I no longer have a ute, so no longer can borrow GAP spray equipment, but when I did, I used to struggle to find a battery to run the spray pump.

Anonymous

5/11/2023 03:35 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

Switch the mapping and reporting to actions like training, providing gamba removal workers for those in need, as much herbicide as needed and in more locations if needed. Consider rewarding clean properties and do fine those who dont follow the requirements, and then increase the fines and the sizes of the borders. Get all government national parks and military to eradicate their gamba and push for aboriginal and mining leases to be supported to remove theirs too. Aim for eradication not reporting. Employ Gamba Armies for the full year and each army should have a plan and a doable area. Or at least one for each Council. Put greater effort into protecting special places and eliminate in zone A - dont leave it up to landholders this is not working!!!

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

Increased funding to provide herbicide, at a minimum to keep up with the increase in costs of herbicide.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

A reward scheme to promote compliance rather than enforcement

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Clean up drainage areas and crown land adjacent to road reserves

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

short of going to every land holder and making them tackle their infestations on a regular basis, I unfortunately don't see how we can contain, let alone eradicate this disastrous 'weed' - the horse has bolted

Optional question (68 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q23 | The Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020 – 2030 will be reviewed in 2023. What aspects of this plan do you think need changing?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

Don't know. Need to see the outcomes of the first phase.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

More enforcement and penalties

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

The 15m buffers in Zone B need to be extended to 45m otherwise reseeding just occurs inside the area where herbicide has been applied and the gamba appears after 1-2 years. All Crown land even in Zone B should be classed as Zone A and a complete eradication zone.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

Class B area should be removed. The requirement for all land should be that Gamba is managed towards eradication

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

Make government accountable

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

More assistance with the program

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

Public Education., More needed.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:43 PM

It needs greater funding to provide more herbicide to residents and community groups concerned with gamba weed intrusion.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:37 PM

No idea

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

More onboard person in the field monitoring the situation

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

Harsher penalties for all land owners who do not reduce or eradicate gamba. Make them pay so much more tax or council fees so a commercial company can go and spray their land and manage the gamba for them.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

More herbicide

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:05 PM

Regulatory enforcement on commercial and government lands. Darwin and surrounds are especially embarrassing. Can't tell private land owners to to eradicate if road verges and other public lands are covered in gamba and there are no or very poor attempts at eradication.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Not sure

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Ensure accountability to landowners who are not participating in the Gamba Grass weed management

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:13 PM

More action

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Harder actions on non compliance

Anonymous

4/14/2023 05:49 AM

<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>

Don't know

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Communication on where to collect herbicide and actually having enough available. Or perhaps a drop to blocks of property owners

Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:28 PM

Fines issued to residents that don't control their gamba. It should be like fire breaks.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Increased penalties.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

Anonymous

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Nothing - its becoming a lost cause. People on smaller blocks can try all they want but when Govt and Council aren't doing a good job on their land it becomes very hard.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Support for land holders not just in herbicide . See previous question

Anonymous

4/18/2023 08:57 AM

Litchfield National Park, Batchelor and surrounding stations/ land should be considered for Zone A eradication.

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/19/2023 12:08 PM

I do not know where the extensive consultation was held prior to the implementation of the Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020 -2030 . Despite having fought numerous fires over the past 5 years, gamba has not played a part in a single one of those fires. It is not an increaser species in our area and we should not be considered an eradication zone. We are very conscious of the threats to our environment and to spend precious resources of time, labour, money on gamba is taking those resources away from something that is actually does have an impact on our environment. Legislation needs to be changed so that we are in a non-eradication zone. Money dedicated to gamba needs to be accountable to specific outcomes with a cost benefit analysis rather than spending money for the sake of spending money.

Anonymous

4/19/2023 01:31 PM

I think Gamba should not be considered a threat in lower rainfall areas. I think the eradication zone should be abolished and pastoral properties should be allowed to use and manage Gamba.

Anonymous

4/21/2023 09:20 AM

Extremely limited weeds branch resources would be better spent on more important weeds in Zone A such as belly ache bush, neems and prickly Acacia in the VRD - have people not seen the prickly acacia in N Qld???

Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Extension of time for compliance

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

Move emphasis on fines, it's the only way to get the majority of people and organisations to act on Gamba. Possibly create prisoner ranger groups to help fix environmental issues in Top End

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

Reduce the extent of the Class B Zone. Will never get on top of gamba if it is allowed in such a large area or to exist at all.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

I've answered this question twice now in this survey. Refer previous responses.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

Proof of monitoring and compliance reporting so that the community knows they can't get away with doing nothing and there is a consequence (fines)

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

The managing approach to Litchfield National Park needs to be upgraded to reduce the spread of gamba. We will lose Litchfield if we don't.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

More poisons to be allocated to the rural areas

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

More compliance checks & additional amounts chemical spray

Anonymous

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

Research on the fauna/flora/microbiota currently facing extinction because of gamba grass. Recognise that with climate change the risk to life and property is growing. Warn tourists. A prominent American bird tour operator I know set off down a burning Arnhem Highway in 2017 with a dozen mobile homes driven by over 20 senior clients. Use nudge theory to get the message through to all and sundry about gamba. Release statistics on emissions from gamba-fuelled fires. Labelled beef as gamba-free. Put levy on beef to help pay for fighting fires, compensate affected landholders. There need to be text warnings of wildfire.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 07:25 PM

More funding

Anonymous

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

Stop it from becoming a paper tiger. start enforcement of requirements.e

Anonymous

5/04/2023 07:24 AM

More funding

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

Gamba is growing everywhere. Urban dwellers need to be more aware also!

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Urgent and prominent support for research into biological control agents. Additional and massive financial support for above.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

Mobile device friendly?

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

More awareness and funding

Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:24 AM

The control zone needs to be changed to an eradicate zone and the plan needs to be implemented in more than token ways, achieving real measured and successful outcomes on a scale that will see successful completion.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Some companies that are contracted to spray waste tons of poison by spraying in the rain and over spraying. They need better training or supervision. I'd like better advertising and bigger fines as there are still some landholders who ignore the Gamba issues.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Add traditional burning regimes as a control measure

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

Landholders need to see government/councilsmaking much more effort on their controlled lands

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

keep plugging on with the advertisements ,

Anonymous

5/06/2023 08:55 PM

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Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

Longer hours to collect herbicides or open on a weekend

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Unsure

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Poisoning is for targeting and edges and early outliers. It is not the only tool. Factor in that some landholders don't want to drown there properties in Poisoning. More education about options and long term planning. Stop referring to gamba as the enemy and stop using the term gamba army.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 01:59 PM

Stop spraying road verges, just slash

Anonymous

5/08/2023 09:09 PM

Trial / pilot cell-grazing programs in suitable settings to destroy/eradicate gamba

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

It needs to acknowledge NT and local government obligations to deal with gamba on verges and government land. The government should encourage and support local groups to tackle gamba with free equipment, etc.

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Highway gamba is still major sources of fire and weeds near Adelaide river Need to tackle all weeds like cas coastal reserve tackled gamba now mission grass everywhere

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

National Parks being forced to take real action, not lip service.

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

The Plan needs to address the issue of gamba fires spreading gamba seeds, by recommending controlled burns for gamba are conducted prior to seeding. The Plan also needs to address and enforce compliance for government agencies not meeting their requirements (15m gamba free buffers, gamba reduction & striving to be gamba free), which should be the same for everyone.

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Anonymous

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

1. Zero tolerance for gamba infestation on land which has previously contributed significantly to rural fire, and its spread and impact on local areas. Prosecute!! 2. The 15 m gamba free zone between properties is nonsensical. It is far too narrow to offset weed seed transfer and particularly fire jumping in windy conditions which can occur over 30 m. 3. There needs to be better recognition in the Plan for land which has suffered ecological damage by gamba-fuelled fires through no fault of the landowners. Establish a victims levy to be used for tree planting schemes on those properties which have suffered through the negligence of offenders of the Weeds Management and Fire & Emergency Acts. Let's see the NT Government also support that scheme through grants for tree planting. 4. The Plan should accede to the expense gamba-fuelled fires impose on landowners with respect to the costs of felling dead trees (insurance claim cover is insufficient) and the influx of weeds which can occur windward of the fire storm. Hence, more reason for a victim's levy.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

Much greater provision of training support and herbicide as most properties appear to have near wall to wall gamba now going to seed and its possible they dont know they have gamba, dont know its a weed, dont know theres a plan and dont know what to do, some dont see it as their responsibility. The current blaze method of what looks like nothing means there is infil in zone B so that each year it is much worse and the efforts of the few who slave to keep their areas gamba free and not rewarded. Perhaps the whole team needs to be replaced because all it has amounted to so far is more and more gamba as if there was no government effort at all. I know of a bunch of pr opeities that currently (midMay) have seeding gamba on their fire breaks! So clearly Councils need resources to fine landholders for noncompliance. And then the 15metre buffer does NOTHING to stop the seeds blowing onto their neighbours properties which makes many land managers unable to slog it out year in year out only to see their neighbours chill and get no repurcussions for being lazy so I know people who used to do the right thing have now given up. But we cant be fining landholders and not supplying them with ample herbicide - there should also be help for the elderly and otherwise incapable landholders. Ive seen people willing to pay contractors to remove their gamba and couldnt get anyone but had to work every day so couldnt get time to do it themselves - they mean well and fining them a small fee the first offense may make them try harder next year, but it costs not just time and many dont have spare funds for anything. So provide help in all the forms and generously. And in all the places. There's no excuse for the amount of seeding gamba in the Darwin and Palmerston regions, mostly on government and

military land. And the mass burnings just encourages the gamba.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

A strong point of the plan has been collaboration between diverse stakeholders. The plan could be improved by bolstering this collaboration and expanding the level of community support for the program. Expand the eradication zone to areas of the management zone with no or minimal gamba.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

It would be good to have a more wholeistic approach so control is more strategic

Anonymous

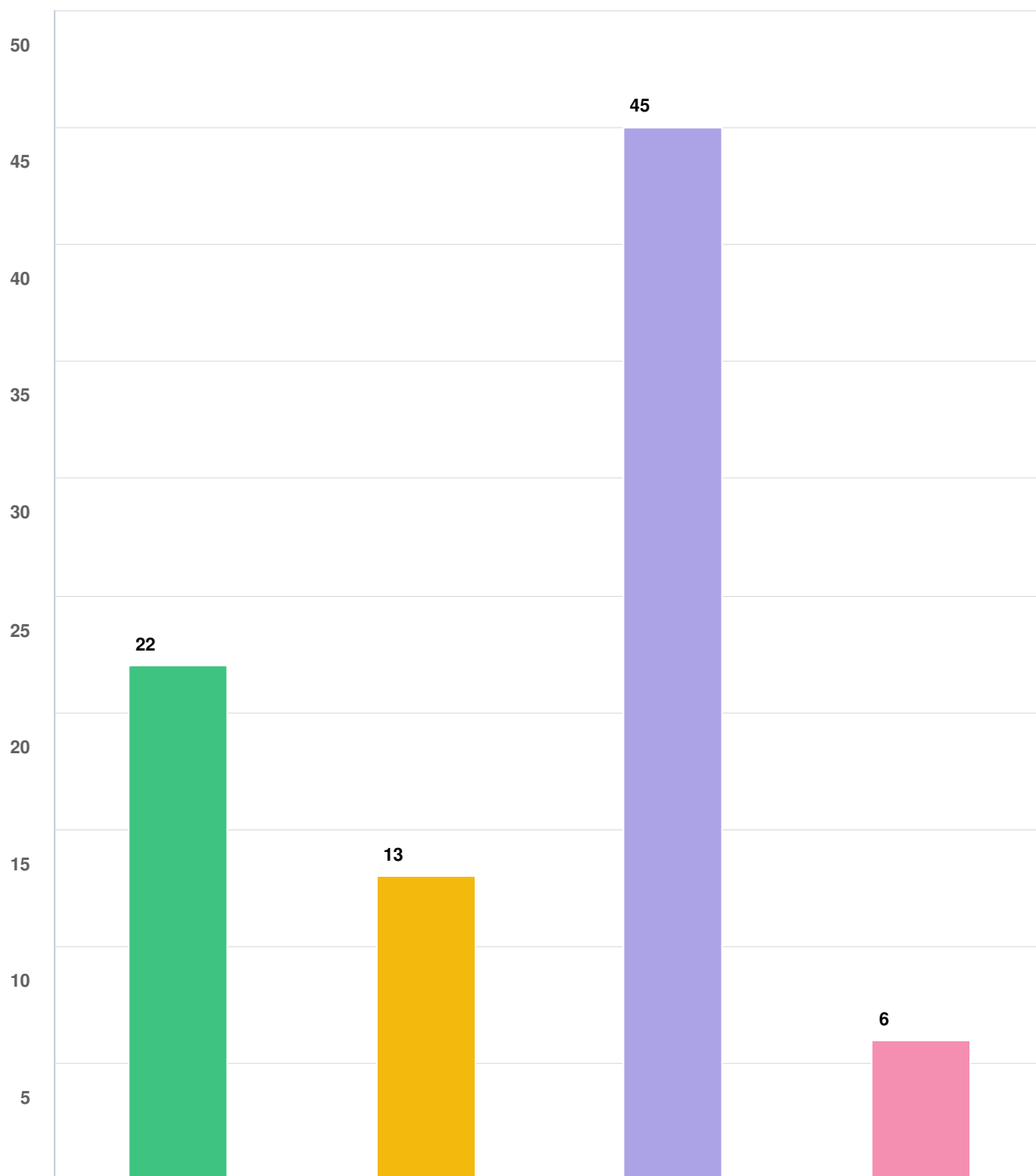
5/13/2023 11:27 AM

- identify actual penalties for non-compliance, and specify funding for new staff to work in compliance. - explicitly state intention to penalise landholders who donot comply - explicity identify the likely result in coming decades if gamba continues to spread as it has been doing, and it's effects on Territorian's lifestyle, tourism industry and rural land prices and safety, and to the biodiversity of our savannas.

Optional question (67 response(s), 23 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q24 | Have you found the gamba grass annual report developed in 2021 and 2022 a useful resource:



Question options

- Yes
- No
- Not aware of an annual report
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (86 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q25 | What kind of reporting (e.g. gamba grass annual report, or other) would you like used to inform people about plan progress, into the future?

Anonymous
4/13/2023 09:46 AM
Keep annual report but also ensure there are regular short community updates with lots of infographics on social media

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:48 AM
Government-controlled land should be the focus. The government manages government areas and sets the standard for what private land owners do.

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:41 AM
N/A

Anonymous
4/13/2023 11:38 AM
Social media

Anonymous
4/13/2023 01:35 PM
More awareness of the program

Anonymous
4/13/2023 02:05 PM
A few maps and key points via social and mass media.

Anonymous
4/13/2023 04:55 PM
Social media

Anonymous
4/13/2023 06:53 PM
Online line

Anonymous
4/13/2023 08:29 PM
People dont read reports. Inform people of their responsibilities and follow up on land owners who do f all. Apply penalties for non-compliance.

Anonymous
4/13/2023 08:33 PM
Maps showing progress made

Anonymous
4/13/2023 09:22 PM
Social media seems to work well

Anonymous
Keep reporting

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Maybe show statistics of how many people get fines, to show that consequences actually do follow non-compliance. Most people seem to not take it seriously.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:25 AM

As per Q.24

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Don't know

Anonymous

4/14/2023 04:43 PM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

The end result that is expected.How we are all to achieve it.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

Ongoing monitoring required to gauge success or otherwise and to identify areas of greater risk (to environment / bio-diversity)

Anonymous

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Actual figures of areas sprayed, where and if any impacts and reductions have occurred

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Spend more money on helping landholders rather than worrying about writing reports

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/19/2023 12:08 PM

Real information from real people who are 'on the ground' and have identified that gamba is a threat in this area and requires eradication. Also, gamba needs to be identified as to how it is a threat and have instances where it has proven to be a threat. We are in a very different environment to Darwin and it's surrounding area. It is not a fire hazard, it is not an increaser species in this area.

Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Facebook notification to Rural pages

Anonymous
4/23/2023 12:24 PM
Maps of areas managed, name and shame land owners for not acting

Anonymous
4/23/2023 02:05 PM
Annual surveys of the extent of gamba to show where the issues are and what effect if any the program is having each year.

Anonymous
4/23/2023 02:12 PM
Updates provided on social media, perhaps even rates notice

Anonymous
4/24/2023 09:15 AM
Up to date mapping feature online that shows progress on control and hotspots areas where council will be targeting. Share it online with local groups.

Anonymous
4/24/2023 10:54 AM
Quarterly updates.... an annual report is almost irrelevant by the time it is published. Good for the 'record'... but not very practical. But better than nothing

Anonymous
5/01/2023 04:56 PM
more information on the destruction of gamba and what it will do to Litchfield National Park if we don't get on top of it. Also what is happening there will happen in Darwin soon.

Anonymous
5/03/2023 01:03 PM
Not sure

Anonymous
5/03/2023 06:25 PM
More research.

Anonymous
5/03/2023 11:28 PM
BFNT are doing land surveys of serious threats, how about using this data, and fire data to show people the issues and why they need to get off their dot and fix their property.

Anonymous
5/04/2023 08:24 AM
A Gamba Map for Urban and country distributed and made accessible to all community

Anonymous
5/04/2023 10:58 AM
Newsletter?

Anonymous
5/04/2023 01:45 PM
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Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:24 AM

Easily accessible, widely disseminated reporting with scientific accuracy, not government departmental spin.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Would rather money spent actioning than creating reports. We are now mapping gamba on BFNT online (BEMS).

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Progress of eradication needs reporting - somewhere!

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

It would be nice to see the results in the form of gamba grass free verges.

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

notice on their gates warning them to get with the program or cop a fine

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

Simple term reporting and for the spread of the information to be a news report - tv and social media platforms. It is still an important piece of information to be delivered and unless you go looking for the information it isn't readily known

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Social media, newspapers, pubs and supermarkets. Advertising to advise wher it is.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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how many hectares and what roads have been cleared of gamba.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

Honest

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

this kind

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

Gamba Grass Annual Report

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

Much of the information we get comes through NGOs and not the NT Government. Let's see the NT Environment Minister reflect the importance of gamba control by delivering a synopsis of the annual report to the media every year until we get this problem under control.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

Not reporting: its e v e r y w h e r e !!!!! What we need is removal of gamba so A can be clean and B start shrinking - to hear clean B properties on the edge of A cant be considered for many years to be put in A is disheartening. Reporting of the failures might not be helpful. Education, training, materials 0 now your talking - real action not paperwork please.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

More detail on extent of occurrence of gamba grass. More reporting about changes in gamba distribution and or density. More examples that illustrate actions or approached that have worked and not worked.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

Annual report sounds sufficient.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

people reading a report does not result in everyone with gamba on their properties taking action - there are not sufficient people who care or are educated in management to make any kind of difference unfortunately - this type of seed for the plant's propagation is a winner - for the plant!!

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

More honest reporting in the annual reports that spell out the failures and why, and the likely consequences of continued failure to meet aspirations in the plan.

Optional question (54 response(s), 36 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q26 | **What actions have you been involved with related to gamba grass?**

Anonymous 4/13/2023 09:46 AM	Was on the first Gamba Grass weed advisory committee, I do my own control
Anonymous 4/13/2023 09:26 AM	Spraying and hand pulling plants
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:48 AM	Reporting crown land and managing my own property.
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:41 AM	Control at home, through work and in a volunteer context
Anonymous 4/13/2023 11:38 AM	My block
Anonymous 4/13/2023 12:38 PM	trying to eradicate it from my own 40acres
Anonymous 4/13/2023 01:35 PM	Used the loan equipment last year
Anonymous 4/13/2023 02:05 PM	Distribute herbicide and offer support (local letter drop and signs) for landholders to manage their Gamba ona voluntary basis.
Anonymous 4/13/2023 02:43 PM	Spraying, publicising Gamba Action through the Howard River Park Community Facebook page, going to Gamba Action meeting at Humpty Doo.
Anonymous 4/13/2023 03:37 PM	Removal from my own property
Anonymous 4/13/2023 04:55 PM	Spraying on our block
Anonymous 4/13/2023 06:53 PM	Personal spraying my own block
Anonymous 4/13/2023 08:29 PM	I manage my property actively. I've picked up poison. I have reported my neighbour who do not manage their gamba.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

Burning, spraying, slashing, pulling be hand and hiring private company's to help me control it

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Local eradication on my block

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Actively spraying and pulling out regrowth on our block

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Had a bad fire rip through the properties around my place. My yard was barely touched as grass kept low and firebreaks maintained. Next door 2 properties burnt for about a week after volunteer fireys put out the blaze. Fire skimmed across my paddock (short grass) and hopped next door but was extinguished quickly by the fireys before it ripped through his property too. Was a really scary experience to receive a call to say the property next door is on fire and jumping onto my side.

Anonymous

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Spraying

Anonymous

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

Own property management

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 04:43 PM

Trying to eradicate it from our property.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

Spraying our 5 acre block in Virginia as well as our 20 acre block on Letchford Road, Darwin River. I've also had to spray over our fence into our absentee neighbours 20 acre block at Darwin River due to their total non- action. This is possibly committing an offence, however I've written to the weeds branch requesting they educate or prosecute our neighbour (I don't have neighbour's contact details) and I've heard nothing back. They didn't even afford the courtesy to respond to my email.

Anonymous 4/17/2023 08:45 AM	Spray own land and also actively trying to control at workplace.,
Anonymous 4/17/2023 06:46 PM	Bought herbicide once but there is too much to do and not enough money to cut it down after
Anonymous 4/18/2023 08:57 AM	Weed treatment
Anonymous 4/18/2023 01:25 PM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 4/19/2023 01:31 PM	We remove any plants that are outside of the area in which we want Gamba.
Anonymous 4/21/2023 09:20 AM	Removal of rogue plants
Anonymous 4/21/2023 12:47 PM	<comment withheld from annual report - consent not provided to include>
Anonymous 4/22/2023 01:36 PM	Gamba grass spraying
Anonymous 4/23/2023 12:24 PM	Spraying, hand pulling Gamba, Gamba surveys in West Arnhem
Anonymous 4/23/2023 02:05 PM	Only controlling gamba on my own block and on my road verges.
Anonymous 4/23/2023 02:12 PM	Management on out block at Humpty Doo, advised some friends of herbicide availability to help with management
Anonymous 4/24/2023 09:15 AM	Control on own land
Anonymous 4/24/2023 10:54 AM	Removing from my property and adjoining Crown Land and maintaining Crown Land (mowing) to minimise reinfestation.

Anonymous
5/01/2023 04:56 PM
spraying, spraying and more spraying. I spend a huge chunk of the wet season spraying gamba.

Anonymous
5/03/2023 09:45 AM
Issuing poisons from the local fire brigade and spraying on my own block

Anonymous
5/03/2023 01:03 PM
access to free chemical spray & also have borrowed a spray unit

Anonymous
5/03/2023 06:25 PM
Cleared most of it until this year. Gamba-fuelled wildfire last August and illness this year have made that impracticable so far.

Anonymous
5/03/2023 11:28 PM
eradication on my property and assisting other property owners in spraying their gamba.

Anonymous
5/04/2023 07:24 AM
Spraying and pulling out

Anonymous
5/04/2023 08:24 AM
Trying to get SIMPLE to fit into HARD

Anonymous
5/04/2023 10:03 AM
Herbicide control program for gamba on my 68Ha property for more than 10 years using using dedicated, tractor supported spray equipment.

Anonymous
5/04/2023 10:58 AM
Gamba management volunteer at Casuarina Coastal reserve with Adoptaspot program

Anonymous
5/04/2023 11:51 AM
Spraying on my block

Anonymous
5/04/2023 01:45 PM
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Anonymous
5/05/2023 10:24 AM
I am fully occupied with spraying and removing Gamba and other African grasses on my private conservation block of 80 ha for nine months of the year. In the 22/23 wet season I have used \$700 worth of herbicide so far and am about to purchase another \$350 worth to get the job finished for the season. This has been an annual

expenditure for more than ten years on top of more than \$30 000 worth of equipment purchases to implement spraying. I am well aware of the enormity of the task and the impossibility of ever completing it while neighbours do nothing about their large gamba infestations on my boundaries. I volunteer to man information stalls at markets and festivals where required.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:26 AM

Casuarina Coastal Reserve Adopt a Spot Program

Anonymous

5/05/2023 01:52 PM

donkeys

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Info Pamphlets to landholders in our brigade area. Distributed herbicide. Volunteer spraying in local public areas.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Public speaking and years of pulling it out and spraying it on mine and others blocks, including crown land.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

We control it as best we can on our own land but each year we find it in new places. We also control mission grass.

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

keep spraying before it goes to seed each year

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

I relay your website to concerned residents for overgrown crown land properties neighbouring their own due to fire risks and pest management

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

Spraying and manual removal

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Free herbicide and spray equipment.slashing / mowing regularly

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Join local fire brigade Commenting Surveys FB posts/ education Consulting Managing gamba with limited use of poison

Anonymous

5/08/2023 01:59 PM

Grazing livestock for complete control

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

herbicide program for a few earlier years - 2013 / 14 / 15 - coomalie council previous volunteer for BART fireys

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Controll on neighbouring council land, control on two different properties that we have owned in Bees Creek.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 09:09 PM

Talking to larger land holders in terms of managing gamba to reduce fire risks, stop its spread but also as part of grazing systems

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

Spray my property, report gamba.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 10:37 PM

Mapping gamba in Casuarina Coastal Reserve, removing it by grubbing out young plants. I gave a talk about gamba grass to the Junior Rangers.

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

Control, eradication and management

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

Personally, I remove gamba from my property and help friends with theirs. Professionally, I work for Gamba Grass Roots, so am involved in all aspects of gamba related activities.

Anonymous

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

Acted as a representative for Land for Wildlife in the past at workshops organised by NGOs.

Anonymous

I help remove new plants on our property which we must scour and

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

clean every year - the neighbours let it blow in the breeze. I also take time to remove it at least from near trees when i see it. Even just stamping it down is better than nothing - or cutting the seedheads off. I've been to Pethericks and Litchfield with a distraught Traditional Custodian worried about how bad it is getting and we dealt with it for many days. I've pulled it near campgrounds in Litchfield in clear site of well driven Ranger tracks - shame!

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

On-ground control in Casuarina Coastal Reserve. Promotion of gamba action through community groups. Webinars and publicity regards gamba. Advice and planning via the Gamba Grass Weed Management Committee.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

control in national parks and private land

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Involvement with the initial gamba grass plan Katherine region. Landowner for over 40years rural area.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

we have been involved in the earliest meetings in Batchelor with pastoralists using the grass as a fodder - possibly speeding it's declaration as a weed could have made a difference - it was appallingly slow and govt and council vehicles spread the seeds everywhere - over the past 20+ years we have managed several rural blocks and continue to do so - without association with action groups - just neighbours

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

Participating in two volunteer projects with Parks and Wildlife.

Optional question (76 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q27 | What are the things that impede you or you think impede others from managing gamba?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

Nothing impedes me. For others, lack of awareness or care factor. The general public doesn't see any enforcement going on so there's no fear about letting it get out of control.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

Neighbors not managing their gamba grass

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

The failure of Crown Estates to manage gamba on crown land.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

Government departments are inadequately funded to meet legislative requirements, theres no incentive or enforcement of the weeds act on pastoral land in relation to Gamba.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

Spray units

Anonymous

4/13/2023 12:38 PM

MONEY and Equipment

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

The program needs to work more inline within the wet season... too much rain this year meant that I missed out on the program

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

Slack attitude. Time poor. Lack of understanding about how and when to best eradicate it. We are always preaching to the converted.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:43 PM

The reduction of the amount of herbicide from 10lt down to 5lt. It running out before the spraying season was finished. The hours of opening for distribution of chemical. I believe it should be distributed at stores within the rural area.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:37 PM

Laziness and lack of awareness, no penalties. Those of us fighting it are always going to lose as long as our neighbours let their properties get overrun

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:50 PM

Lack of education. Lack of accountability.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 04:26 PM

No awareness. Rental properties or absent owners.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 04:55 PM

Lazy , unaware of the dangers gambling poses

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

Time maybe more government help with a team of professionals coming through your block

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

I do everything I can. I want to get rid of it. Some people are lazy and they just don't care and don't want to spend any money or time.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

Not enough herbicide, time and resources.....no infringement notices sent out

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:05 PM

Time and money

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

An uncoordinated approach on a very local scale. Lack of awareness of how easily gamba can be managed. A lot of rural residents still seem to think mechanical controls with machines are the way to go. This may be due to a fear of herbicide. Education about rates etc and risks of herbicide use may help.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Time, resources, laziness from others

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:13 PM

Time, money, out of hand already

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Time, money and effort. Such as you wouldn't expect elderly to be spraying gamba midday in the hot sun. But they may not have a willing family member to help or be able to afford a contractor. Free poison really does help, but also have to juggle around work, weather, young children (if have them) etc. Then also just lazy people too. No excuse but that's just one thing to add.

Anonymous

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:25 AM

On their blocks? Too far gone. Inability to physically act. Economically incapable. Don't care!

Anonymous

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

Costs and health risks of using spray regularly

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Lazyiness

Anonymous

4/14/2023 04:43 PM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Not enough poison it is too expensive to buy.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

The work involved on larger averages is significant. The chemicals used are dangerous and carcinogenic. Equipment needed is expensive and often difficult to safely use.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Time, cost - need a proper spray setup, hand sprayers don't cut it. Neighbours lack of actions.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Money. Tractors as big mowers can't do it. Time, health concerns which use the money set aside for the gamba, and because of these won't ask neighbors for help for fear of rudeness

Anonymous

4/18/2023 08:57 AM

The overwhelming amount of the weed in the area and surrounding property owners not complying with the law regarding their boundaries.

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/19/2023 12:08 PM

We have struggled in recent times due to drought, covid, lack of staff, and there has been absolutely no consideration for our real priorities which are animal health & welfare, drought management, fire management, human mental health and welfare. Staff shortages affect government departments and they are simply able to say 'we are short-staffed, sorry, can't help you.' We do not have that luxury. We still have to feed & water animals, fight fire and maintain a happy work force. Regardless of whether we are short-staffed. The requirements are unnecessary, unreasonable, costly, take resources away from much more important priorities for our area. I am not

aware of consultation that was held in this area. As a member of the Roper River Landcare Group, there is no one that I have been in contact with, who has identified gamba as a threat.

Anonymous

4/19/2023 01:31 PM

We have bigger issues such as the mile of belly ache bush spreading along the Roper River and the infestation of Neem trees in and around Elsey National Park. The massive sea's of grader grass turning productive pastoral land into useless monocultures. Gamba would be the best combat for Grader Grass but it's illegal.

Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Ongoing nature of it - expense - competing priorities on a rural block - rain and inability to spray - neighbours Not spraying

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

I find Gamba easy to manage because I treat it as a priority, others don't care so need some incentive to care, like fines or discounted council rated for Gamba free properties

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

Myself, gamba on neighbouring land. Others, an overwhelming amount of gamba to get on top of.

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:12 PM

People can be Unaware of risks and fire hazards of Gamba Grass. Not taking own block responsibilities seriously enough

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

Lack of control on surrounding land; lack of awareness; lack of support; lack of enforcement

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

Me : nil. Others: Lack of time, money to buy herbicide and equipment to manage and commitment to a long-term plan of action. Spraying Gamba once doesn't have much of impact... but doing it for 3 years... (or longer) will reap some noticeable improvements.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:58 AM

Laziness, no stick for not eradicating it. People are too preoccupied with clearing whole 5 acre blocks. Take a drive around and have a look.

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

time, lack of herbicide

Anonymous

Pure laziness and the willingness of people to blame government for

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

introducing it in the first place

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

Not sure about others But non-compliant neighbors don't help the reduction of gamba on our block

Anonymous

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

As a social scientist: people are overwhelmed, compartmentalise or underestimate the threat (or overestimate their ability to clear it). Blame government and say it's not up to them to clear it.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

The lack of support from govt - eg reducing the amount of herbicides available year on year. laziness their neighbours not controlling their breaks, and or the grass itself.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 07:24 AM

Time

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

Little public access or direction

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Only moderate success on my property and like-minded neighbours properties as result of the following main factors: 1. minimal or mostly no action for control of gamba on adjoining properties, and; 2. multiple wildfires deliberately lit on my property and adjoining properties.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

Overwhelm. Lack of knowledge on why it is important and how to go about it.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Regrowth and neighbours not spraying

Anonymous

5/04/2023 01:45 PM

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Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:24 AM

Time and money availability. Also physical ability to carry out the manually intensive work. Knowledge of best or even basic tasks to achieve eradication or control. Lack of ability to identify the species. Many landholders don't know or care that they have this weed on their land. This especially applies to absentee landholders.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 01:52 PM

use of pesticides

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Lack of understanding. Ignorance. Feel that it's not their problem .
Time. Fitness. \$\$ for equipment.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Ability to identify it is lacking in a lot of land owners as is the care
factor and motivation to remove it.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

Poor example set on. Government/Council land.

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

nothing

Anonymous

5/06/2023 08:55 PM

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Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

Majority of it is not on their property

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

Time and equipment to manage gamba, knowledge of the issues
related to, and the identification of the plant

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Complacency, weather, financial and physical.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:23 AM

cross-neighbour coordination at a geographic level. Strategic targeted
government contracts, and subsequent contract management. e.g.
Roads; should be more specific, not generalised. And, contractors
held accountable for what it entailed in the scope of works.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Lack of support and understanding for those who don't want to use
poisons or can't. We don't want to and can't due to organic
certification. Why not support/ subsidize the use of livestock to
manage,

Anonymous

5/08/2023 01:59 PM

Incorrect science

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

the use of herbicide and knowing what glysohate does to ruminant and macropod gut flora

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Confident identification seems to impede friends that are landholders on rural properties. Physical fitness may restrict people when spot spraying larger areas.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

I wish I knew how others can ignore it in their own back yard. I would spray public areas if provided with the herbicide and a spray tank.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

Time and resources

Anonymous

5/09/2023 10:37 PM

Lack of care about landscape and about the welfare of neighbours, perhaps lack of understanding of how easily a few plants become a lot of plants and invade vegetation communities.

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Not enough discussion about using cattle

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

Financial There is a need for public access vehicle wash down bays.

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

My personal gamba management is impeded by my time and financial constraints. Also, it can be disheartening when gamba reinfestation from elsewhere keeps reoccurring. Plus, as I have a creek across my block (often with a large crocodile in it during the wet), I can only access the gamba at the back of my block before the creek fills or after it dries. In the past, when I was battling cancer, my health prevented me from doing as much as I needed/wanted to do.

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 03:35 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

There are a significant number of rural landowners who couldn't care less about managing gamba (eg use it deliberately as a security screen) or who believe it is the Government's liability because the Government allowed it to be introduced to the NT. It is now the task of Government to bring pressure on these people to modify their views. Prosecution is the answer.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

Cant do it 24/7 It costs time and money and with others doing nothing there needs to be more incentive.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

A lack of vision of what can be achieved when people work together on an issue.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

Time.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:18 PM

Management is still piecemeal.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

ignorance, lack in insight into the severity of the problem - not actually recognising immature plants - not caring - reluctance to utilise the chemical sprays - ? worry about infiltration of water tables with bores by the chemicals?

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

1. Lack of awareness - many, perhaps most Top Enders, even long-term residents either have a very vague awareness of how gamba is transforming our local environment, or none at all. This is supported by the NT Government's (reflecting the community) resistance to facing the implications of such spread for future decades in terms of economy, biodiversity, lifestyle. 2. A "head in the sand" mentality prevalent which holds that if we continually focus on economic development and only pay occasional lip service to our environmental impacts, things (including the bush) will "take care of themselves". This delusion is widely held in the Top End including government decision makers and business leaders. 3. A perception that the NT Government doesn't mean what it says regarding gamba control / strategy / policy in terms of compliance enforcement and gamba management on its own lands (crown / national park / reserve). Hence only lip service at best is ever needed to gamba control, and

the focus can continue to remain overwhelmingly on economic development

Optional question (83 response(s), 7 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q28 | Do you believe there has been a change in attitude towards gamba grass over the last two years and if so please list the change(s)?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

General public - not really. I see it getting worse in my area of Herbert, not better. Litchfield Shire - there does seem to be a slight improvement in spraying practices but there is still too little strategic (multi-tenure) action. An example is the borefields along Girraween Road. Litchfield Shire sprays the roadsides. PAWA not doing any control in their adjacent area, so it's a complete waste of the Shire's time and money and not achieving the goals of the plan.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

A small change in attitude

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

Yes people know that it is a massive fire risk and that volunteer fire fighters are being put at risk.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

No

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

Yes but not enough

Anonymous

4/13/2023 01:35 PM

Not sure

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

Newcomers to our rural area seem to be a bit more aware.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:43 PM

There is a good level of recognition of gamba, but I still see apathy.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 03:37 PM

Nope

Anonymous

4/13/2023 04:26 PM

No

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

I think most people turn a blind eye to it and think it will just go away on its own

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

I don't know.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

No

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:05 PM

Yes. Much more in the public thought

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

There is an obvious reduction in the number of blocks in my area that are unmanaged for gamba. Power and Water pipelines etc and crown land are massive issues still.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

No, it seems the same

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

I've heard many positive over the program, I myself am pretty happy about the loaning of spray units and chemicals. I'd love to buy a unit myself after using a hire one this year (I had a friend spray for me last year with his unit), as a young new home owner as well it's an expense I'll be able to save up for rather than outright having to have paid for (unit between \$600-800 depending on size) right after paying everything for the house deposit. The property doesn't care if you don't have money to maintain it, so from the view of a new home buyer it was a godsend for staying ontop of my gamba right off the bat.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 05:49 AM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 07:25 AM

Yes I believe there may be a little change during this time. Because, there has been a demographic change in blockies. These new owners aren't your typical block owners of the past who moved rural for the quiet lifestyle, they are the type who want to have lots of big

boy toys, turn blocks from natural flora & fauna to more green lawns and poison natural bush and kill all creatures!

Anonymous

4/14/2023 08:17 AM

Not if the council and government lad is anything to go by

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:25 AM

Don't know

Anonymous

4/14/2023 04:43 PM

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Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Some care most don't.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

The research from Mary River national park needs to be heeded. That research showed that keeping fire off gamba affected land was extremely important in better managing re-growth. Gamba control must cooperate with bushfires NT to ensure that the annual hazard reduction burns don't simply hit the same gamba affected areas. All this does is assists the spread of Gamba. Govt needs to have a round table discussion with all agencies including corrections (with regards labour to assist) and DIPL (with regards road reserves management practices). Of course local government must also be central.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 08:45 AM

Moving to a more defeatist attitude. People are giving up, whats the point if others and government aren't seen to be helping.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Not really

Anonymous

4/18/2023 08:57 AM

Yes - general awareness of the weed and moving away from the burning/fire mentality.

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/21/2023 12:47 PM

not sure

Anonymous

4/22/2023 01:36 PM

Yes - awareness

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

Maybe a 10% change in people's attitude. NT Gov seems to be doing a little more spraying than previous years

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

Yeas, more serious fires in recent years have made it apparent that we have an issue and I believe some people are taking it more seriously.

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:12 PM

More awareness, though still blocks in our are not undertaking any Gamba Grass action

Anonymous

4/24/2023 09:15 AM

No idea but most of the community are very aware and trying to do the right thing

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

Yes. Heightened awareness across the broader community.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:58 AM

No.

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

I think Government has taken their eye of the ball and need to be more proactive.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

Yes

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

For some Yes . But others No !!

Anonymous

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

The cattle people I know aren't making excuses any more. More landholders appear to have given up.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 11:28 PM

Yeah it's become more lackadaisical and a oh well it's here now so why should I. Crown lands don't get in and spray so why should the land holders?

Anonymous

5/04/2023 07:24 AM

Yes more awareness

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

Mostly only those concerned are aware of this blight! Little education or public awareness is out there!!!!

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Yes. 1. More attempts at control measures by other landholders in the area 2. NT Bushfires and local volunteers actively promote need for gamba control, mainly for safety and property protection.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Yes, more awareness and uptake of free poison

Anonymous

5/04/2023 01:45 PM

Not sure

Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:24 AM

I have noticed that firefighting volunteers have become more aware of the need to control or eradicate this grass, but some are conflicted by their strong attachment to pastoral cultural myths. Unfortunately, I have also seen some neighbouring landholders, including people who are employed by government environmental agencies, adopt an attitude of resignation or defeat and choose to do nothing to control gamba on all or sections of their block. "I will regularly burn this half, the rest of the block can do what it likes!" said one owner of a 20 ha block heavily infested with gamba. Of my 17 neighbours , only 5 have attempted to comply with the requirements to maintain buffer zones and control gamba.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:26 AM

More people are aware of the problem and there is more concern about the fire hazard and implications to habitat and infrastructure

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

Hardly

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

More publicity and funding has been positive

Anonymous

5/05/2023 08:07 PM

Communities want Gamba grass controlled, time for some more action from government. More herbicide availability would be a good start.

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

yes

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

More people are aware of it due to fire risk concerns and that rats and snakes hide well in it

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

Threats and urgency of gamba management better understood, it's now commonly discussed in the community (radio, field days. outreach)

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Slight change, but only by people that are concerned

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Many landholders, aboriginal land trusts, government agencies have not attended to the gamba despite new laws so more education is needed. Too many examples of "big stick" approach. The warning letter people are receiving is worded in a very threatening way. There needs to be a much more coordinated approach.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

not really

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

Not judging by its spread.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 10:37 PM

Not sure.

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Maybe but the way it has been allowed to spread across rural blocks is sad - slack landowners need enforcement

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

yes, more awareness.

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

Yes. Many more people are aware and and working to remove their gamba.

Anonymous

5/11/2023 03:35 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 06:11 PM

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Anonymous

5/11/2023 10:49 PM

Yes, there appears to be a greater awareness of social responsibility with respect to gamba management.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

depression apathy anger despair disappointment anxiety terror
despondancy helplessness

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

Yes, a great increase in awareness and discussion which has gone in hand with an attitudinal change towards gamba grass being a problem for most everybody and management of the situation requiring the input and collaboration of many different people. Gamba is a valid topic for the Friday night BBQ.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

There seems to be a greater acknowledgment of the threat

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

not noticeably really

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

No, not over the last two years. Before that perhaps. Since Covid the increase in awareness and determination to respond largely evaporated and economic rebound has been to the fore.

Optional question (71 response(s), 19 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q29 | If you have a gamba grass success story, please describe it here?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

Even though my block is clean, ongoing surveillance and hand pulling is needed because of my slack neighbours. There's no such thing as "job finished".

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

N/A

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:43 PM

NT Field and Game has done its best to control gamba outbreaks on the 49ha they are responsible for at the Mickett Creek Shooting Complex. They have managed the weed well. Sadly it is still evident on all boundaries, but we try to hold it back with limited equipment and chemical.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 04:55 PM

We had gamba 8 years ago. With the free spray and 8 years of being on top of it, we have no garbage. Unfortunately the neighbours don't do anything and we need to continue to spray

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

I think my management of my gamba on my block has been good but not my neighbours

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:29 PM

No.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:22 PM

Four years ago I couldn't walk through my bush block. Within 18 months with a 15L knapsack and free herbicide the block was free from mature gamba. Since then it has been annual spot spraying the control seedlings from neighbours. Native herbs and shrubs have started to come back as well as a healthy cover of native grasses. It has been very satisfying and not really very difficult.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

Currently still managing the removal of gamba regrowth to try and get native plants back.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Mentioned before basically missed out on my property being burnt out because of unmaintained gamba next door. Because grass kept short, the fire went along the fences and skimmed across the short grass basically not coming anywhere near my house or belongings. Next door blazed for several days after fireys extinguished the bulk of it. Really thankful I kept my property maintained otherwise it may have been a different scenario.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

Not success yet.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

I've been spraying our 20 acre block annually for the last 10 years in an attempt to control both Gamba and Mission grass. For several years an arsonist was burning ours and surrounding blocks (Mike

Holden, currently serving time). Our neighbours have done nothing, and between the fires and the lack of action from neighbours, it's an uphill battle. But I continue with it (albeit I feel I'm losing it as I get older).

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/21/2023 09:20 AM

We have a permit to maintain a very successful paddock of gamba grass; very valuable for intensive grazing. We have had the paddock for over 20 years with minuscule spread and any rogue plants outside the permit area are controlled.

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

5acre block had about 20% Gamba infestation 2020, now Gamba free. Thick Gamba on neighbours side up to fence line

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:12 PM

Many years ago I commenced chipping out the Gamba grass to eventually get on top of it. Due to some surrounding blocks not managing their Gamba, I now poison and then pull out any new growth

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

I have removed Gamba from my own small 2,000 sqm block and on Crown Land behind 8 houses providing an effective fire break which is maintained by regular mowing.

Anonymous

5/01/2023 04:56 PM

While not eradicated I am proud with how my block is going, especially since our neighbours have wall to wall gamba everywhere.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

Not sure anyone can have a complete success . We certainly Don't

Anonymous

5/03/2023 06:25 PM

The use of household vinegar. Even though we've not been able to put as much effort this year there is a huge difference between our property and next door. The vegetation on our firebreaks and beyond is comprised of native flora (including at least 26 genera of grass) while our neighbours especially to the north and east is gamba grass, already three metres in height, and little else.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 07:24 AM

Weedwalkers

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

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Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:03 AM

Nothing so far, after 10 years...

Anonymous

5/04/2023 10:58 AM

The Adoptaspot program at Casuarina Coastal Reserve is a great testament to the importance of the health of the Reserve to the community. It is a great citizen science program headed by knowledgeable and passionate ecologists and is making a real impact.

Anonymous

5/04/2023 11:51 AM

Ongoing struggle

Anonymous

5/04/2023 01:45 PM

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Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:24 AM

Over fifteen years work I have removed large gamba infestations from at least a third of my 80 ha block, but still find sporadic outbreaks each year due to seed intrusion from neighbouring properties. Several monocultures of gamba have been successfully eradicated and rehabilitated to native woodland, or savannah. To do this, I have had to obsessively seek and remove all emerging seedlings to the last plant. This is hugely time consuming and exhausting work and requires specialised transport (Argo) to access seasonally inundated areas.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 10:26 AM

The Adopt a Spot program has had great success at removing gamba grass and preventing its spread

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

I've removed it all on my block, and one of my neighbours, around 20 acres in total

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

I have ,read my survey answers on this survey. Too many questions

Anonymous

5/06/2023 08:55 PM

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Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

I have managed to keep the bulk of my gamba at bay but still get massive growth patches in centre of my property and surrounding boundary. Council are now being more proactive with the road/track bordering my property and that helps a great deal. But this only happened after 2 years of massive fires that nearly destroyed homes

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

1 main spray at start of season, follow up spray half way through season, manual removal of small plants, end of season spray any remaining plants.

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

When we first purchased our land 20 years ago, there was over 50% of gamba but now is about 5%. This has been achieved with a lot of work and persistence.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:23 AM

Charles Darwin National Park; nearly returned to native integrity, combination of Parks, Gamba Army and community group (DORCs; Darwin Off-Road Cyclists).

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

Cattle Cool mosaic burning Slashing whipper snipping and using cut grass as mulch Help to manage gamba.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 01:59 PM

Environmental control with nil inputs and a production profit making the control viable for the long term. No spraying or burning.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 02:43 PM

not really - more head of cattle to be carried during the wet season and early dry, but get them off before they begin to do poorly and loose condition

Anonymous

5/08/2023 07:45 PM

Initial spot spraying of large established clumps, then yearly or more follow ups and grubbing and hanging of new Gamba. Maintaining surrounding native vegetation (avoiding slashing or accidental poisoning) helps prevent Gamba and other weeds re-establishing.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 09:09 PM

We have trailed intensive buffalo cell grazing to chew down and destroy the weed on livestock properties with success and now want to replicate these results.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

No but it would be great to include these in ads.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 07:45 PM

We have found flattening stands of gamba with a vehicle or by flattening by foot greatly reduces the height and heat of fires (when using fire to clear areas of gamba) and therefore reduces the damage to other native plants

Anonymous

5/09/2023 10:37 PM

Casuarina Coastal Reserve has very little gamba in it now. The efforts of rangers, the Gamba Army and Adopt a Spot volunteers have combined to remove a lot of plants. If the adjacent land managers were as good we could relax a little.

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Making a friend aware of the loan trailer and how much more spraying he could do with right equipment

Anonymous

5/10/2023 12:38 PM

We have transitioned pastures to cropping rotations to control and eradicate Gamba

Anonymous

5/11/2023 12:59 PM

I am always almost a success story, then disaster strikes (usually in the form of fire or occasionally personal injury/health) and the gamba comes back with a vengeance.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

My mother is in her 80s and she keeps her 40 acre Darwin River property gamba free! She leaves at first light and goes everywhere removing them from seedling stage and then rechecks - if she find larger plants she cuts off their heads and digs them up (well maybe thats on others properties - she doesnt let them get big on hers)

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

Great collaboration between Parks and Wildlife and the community based Casuarina Coastal Reserve Landcare Group which is producing meaningful results on the ground.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:48 PM

Have locally eradicated gamba out of many places within national parks.

Anonymous

5/12/2023 10:24 PM

we slash, spray several blocks - no plants at the end of the season, but next wet, up it comes

Anonymous

5/13/2023 11:27 AM

Adoptaspot Casuarina Coastal Reserve volunteer project (with PWC, as part of strategy encompassing Gamba Army, rangers, contractors) -

using citizens to support with the time-consuming aspect of invasive species management (outlying small infestations) in a co-ordinated way to make gamba management in a particular area more economically and practically feasible. Weedwalkers Landcare Group - similar project to the above, at it's beginning in Litchfield NP, and at a larger scale geographically and includes use of herbicides. Effectiveness won't be apparent for 1-2 years.

Optional question (50 response(s), 40 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q30 | Please provide any other feedback here?

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:46 AM

There is still so much ignorance about appropriate control methods - one of my neighbours has 5 acres of gamba. Every year they let it grow unabated, it goes to seed and dries off and then they slash it. EVERY BLOODY YEAR. Please ramp up your education about how to identify it, when to control and how to control it - not just ads - put boots on the ground going from street to street in the rural areas holding mini gamba "field days" - there would be residents willing to volunteer their time to help with this - engage the caring members of the community and use them to your advantage!

Anonymous

4/13/2023 09:26 AM

More enforcement and penalties please!

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:48 AM

The Government can't move to a penalty phase for land owners if the Government managed land is not free of gamba. Set the standard, extend the buffers and move to eradication.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:41 AM

Gamba continues to spread and increase in density in bushland areas where it has the most environmental impact. Control in urban areas and on roadsides has improved but damage caused to biodiversity in the NT by Gamba grass continues unchecked.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:38 AM

7 year seed bank makes it hard to eradicate

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:05 PM

Feral pigs have spread Gamba in our area (Fly Creek) into lots of new areas. As a keen bushwalker, I have seen Gamba (and other weeds) in many areas where they have not been before.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 02:43 PM

Grant opportunities should be made to tool up community groups like NT Field and Game to do more and maybe a competition with 10 prizes of spray equipment for those that collect the chemical from the depot to tool them up with better equipment, therefore making them more effective. If the NTG employs these ideas, I want them to acknowledge they got them from Bart Irwin, of the NT Field and Game Association.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 06:53 PM

The government need to set up a professional team of persons to come through one block at a time and help eradicate the problem there would be a better use of the poison

Anonymous

4/13/2023 08:33 PM

Requite 20lt minimum herbacide for 8ha properties

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:08 PM

I'm itchy

Anonymous

4/13/2023 11:51 PM

Also the council/PAWA strip behind bees creek road (the pipeline) has basically 8m tall gamba each year. I've already called PAWA as apparently they have to maintain it and it's still sky high that you can't even access your water meter without watching an Indiana Jones film and wielding a machete/whipper snipper. So maybe they should get infringement notices too.

Anonymous

4/14/2023 09:37 PM

See comments above.

Anonymous

4/15/2023 09:50 AM

People need help. Consider a systematic, area by area action plan including providing labour forces to assist land owners. As I said earlier, I'd be happy to make a co-contribution to costs for decent action and outcomes. We've had our 20 acre Blackmore River block (Letchford Rd) since 1978, and since then(although much more so in the last 10 years) it's gone from being pristine wooded Savannah with paperbarks, grevillia, turkeybush and grasses by spear grass, with riverside denser foliage, to more open Savannah grasslands as the gamba fuelled fires (illegally lit) have killed off the native vegetation and even larger stringybarks and Woollybuts. Trees along the riverbank have been fire affected and succumbed and died. This in turn is affecting river health. Additionally, Slashers and machinery need to be carefully cleaned before being used between locations. They're clearly assisting the spread. Help!!

Anonymous

4/17/2023 06:46 PM

Council needs to support landholders more

Anonymous

4/18/2023 01:25 PM

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Anonymous

4/21/2023 09:20 AM

There is a huge amount of cynicism in the community about the government's token spraying along highways and what a waste of money, time and resources it appears to be. Some landholders in Zone A are being blamed for the odd gamba plant on say the road reserve when it didn't even come from their place. Limited weeds branch resources could be much better spent on far bigger threats to the environment rather than inspecting and re-inspecting gamba permit areas in Zone A.

Anonymous

4/23/2023 12:24 PM

Much more resources need to be put into Gamba over the next few years

Anonymous

4/23/2023 02:05 PM

I would like to see fines be given out to those who aren't at least trying to manage the gamba issue. Part of owning property is the responsibility of maintaining it. If you can't maintain it then you shouldn't own land that is too hard for you to manage. The NTG needs to crack down harder.

Anonymous

4/24/2023 10:54 AM

It's great that there is now formal recognition and resourcing behind eradicating this scourge.

Anonymous

5/03/2023 01:03 PM

I know resources are very limited . But Non-compliance in reduction or eradication on residential , government & local government land is rife

Anonymous

5/04/2023 08:24 AM

Demand our fire services get involved for a start

Anonymous

5/04/2023 01:45 PM

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Anonymous

The broadscale management of this weed, especially in large

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government reserves and pastoral properties will require new techniques, such as aerial spraying, massive manpower inputs and a huge and more realistic budget allocation before the current increase in gamba population can be arrested and reversed. Much more effort is required to change the current laissez faire culture of NT landholders and government departments towards weed management. Fire regimes have to change away from dry season burning to wet season burning to avoid further spread of this and other African grass species on Crown land in particular. We have the world's worst water catchment management, and that needs to be urgently addressed by the managing authorities. No management plan is worth anything if it is not implemented properly. So far, there is little evidence of effective implementation or the requisite administrative or political will to do so. This should not be interpreted as an implied criticism of the very few personnel currently engaged in the implementation process - we just need to scale up the operation greatly to see an impact of the plan!

Anonymous

5/05/2023 02:15 PM

More landholders in Fly creek are doing something.... Because they had a non compliance notification. That seems to help motivate some people.

Anonymous

5/05/2023 03:54 PM

Please let us do early burns for quick, clean, cheap and effective control of gamba and other invasive such as mission grass and more recently Rats Tail Grass - its smothering Darwin too, but no one mentions it.

Anonymous

5/06/2023 09:24 AM

less questions, gets boring

Anonymous

5/07/2023 08:28 AM

It would be great if the availability was for longer than 2 days perweek for collection and longer hours. I work until well past your open hours and would like an alternative to be able to collect. I missedcut this year due to busy times and you running out of herbicide

Anonymous

5/07/2023 09:11 AM

Unfortunately, can't protect from seeds coming in from neighbours!

Anonymous

5/07/2023 11:11 AM

Some people may not have the time or think it does take a lot of effort and time so why bother in even trying . Some people don't even know what gamba looks like or how to identify.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:23 AM

Cross-tenure government contracts; not done in isolation.

Anonymous

5/08/2023 10:47 AM

The 15 metre rule around tracks and infrastructure is very difficult to achieve if you cannot use poisons and have a large property

Anonymous

5/08/2023 09:09 PM

The introduction of an extra option to combat gamba using young domesticated buffalo has multi-faceted dividends for the NT - happy to discuss further.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:01 PM

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Anonymous

5/09/2023 04:00 PM

It is hard to believe the government is serious when I see major roads with gamba all along the verge. Take Willard Road as an example. It would be so easy to halt the spread right now, but in 2 years you have lost control of it altogether.

Anonymous

5/09/2023 10:37 PM

I hope Government realises that the money put into Gamba control has to be ongoing. The funding and work of the last few years will be wasted unless government and the community continue the job.

Anonymous

5/10/2023 07:14 AM

Need to pay people to go out and help people eradicate gamba

Anonymous

5/12/2023 04:28 PM

I'm appalled at how much gamba there is - even unmanaged in Casuarina Coastal Reserve!

Anonymous

5/12/2023 05:20 PM

Keep up the great work. After a decade of limited progress under the previous management plan, in the last few years there has been a vastly increased level of activity, collaboration and achievement. In this same few years the scale of the gamba problem has exploded. Just imagine where we would be without the foresight of the Weed Management Branch to have sought the active involvement of a broad cross-section of our community in addressing the issue. My thanks to the Weed Management Branch and numerous other organisations and individuals who have contributed to the progress with managing gamba.

Anonymous

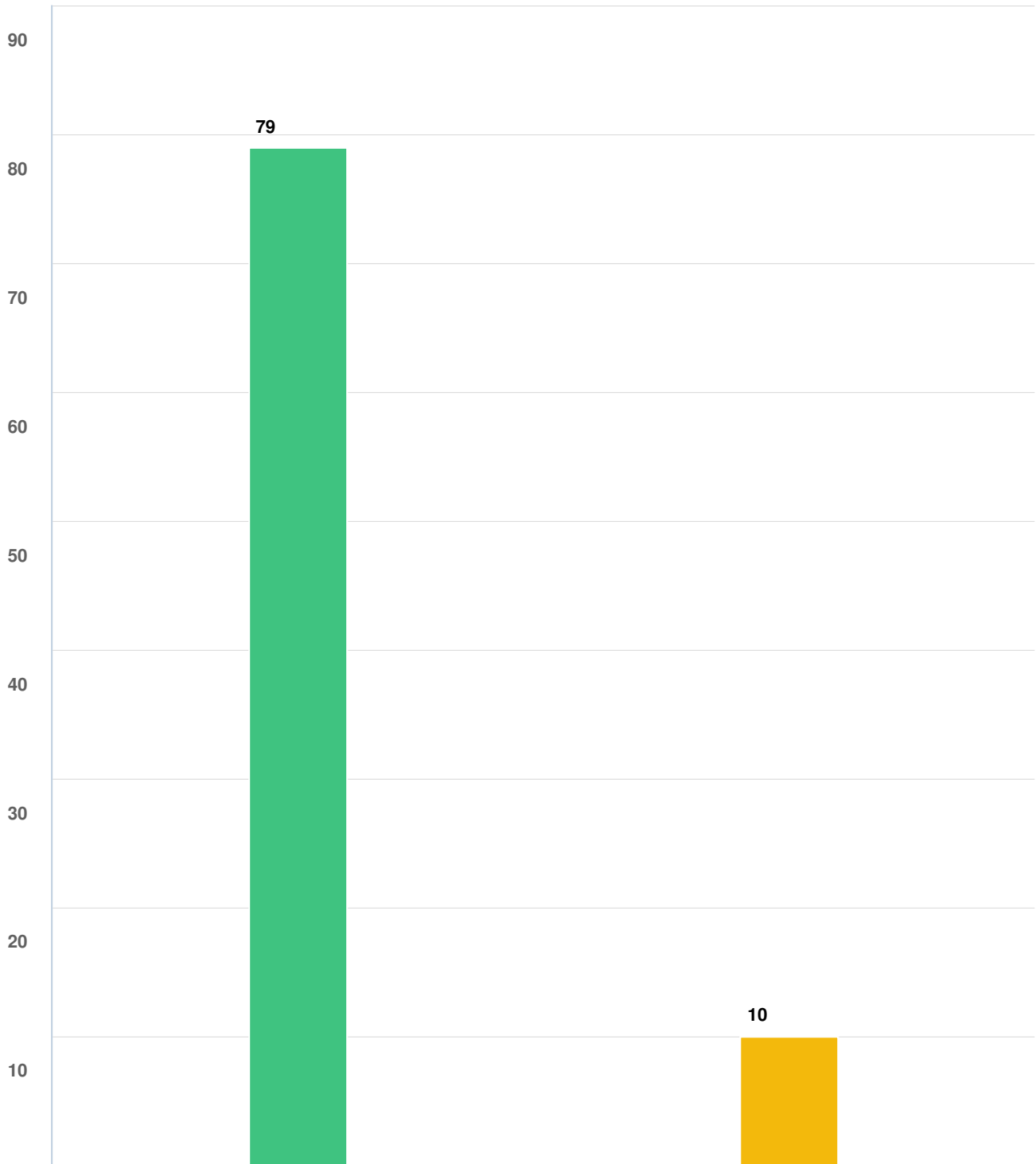
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NT Government and it's policy makers , senior staff need to clarify their actual intent as well as the message to citizens. Is it "really this is out of hand, the horse is bolted and we don't want to spend money on it - but we'll mouth some aspirations and tough talk so we appear to be taking some responsibility and action. We've given up on Top End savannas as they were for millenia until recently - we know it will become a sea of gamba and mission grass for future Top Enders to live amongst, which might even be good for the pastoral economy in any case, although we know will mean high expenditure on emergency fire management" Or do they really want to identify some achievable aspirations so far as resisting the spread of gamba goes, and then commit to vastly higher annual spending for this purpose, to safeguard the Top End's savannas and lifestyle and restrict gamba to certain areas of infestation only? This would however require a fundamental shift in attitudes, priorities and response by the NT Government and be willing to lead rather than just reflect general community awareness and interest in the issue.

Optional question (39 response(s), 51 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q31 Do you agree for your feedback to be included in the 2023 gamba grass annual report?



Question options

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (89 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Gamba Grass Roots' Response to the
2023 Gamba Grass Weed Management Plan Survey**



Gamba Grass Roots is a partnership between The Pew Charitable Trusts and Environment Centre NT. We raise public awareness of the threats posed by gamba to our homes, communities, tourism sector, and our unique Top End wildlife and landscape. We also highlight what needs to be done to reduce the gamba threat, call for increased action to provide more resources and funding to fight gamba, and support community involvement in creating solutions to the NT's gamba challenge.

We acknowledge the NT Government's commitments to reducing gamba grass thus far, and wish to highlight the community's strong calls for increased efforts, strategic focus and resources to keep them safe from gamba fuelled fires and protect our iconic Top End landscapes. We also wish to highlight the recent commitments by the Federal Government for increased gamba action, we recommend this gamba plan review develops a framework for integrating outcomes from this large investment in gamba control into its considerations.

Gamba Grass Roots' main recommendations in response to this survey are:

1. Increase Gamba Action Program Funding to \$300,000 per year for 4 years
2. Commit to an annual budgeted baseline of \$1 million per year for the Gamba Army for 4 years
3. Funding an increase of at least \$10 million over 10 years in response to Litchfield National Park Gamba Mapping Report

Our response to the 2023 Gamba Grass Survey questions are as follows:

Q3. Gamba Grass Roots has an interest in gamba reduction and eradication across both the Class A eradication zone and Class B management and reduction zone. Gamba Grass Roots supporters come from a variety of backgrounds, local landholders, Aboriginal land managers, weed contractors, firefighters, scientists, tourism operators and community members who care about this threat to our Top End ecosystems.

Q4. Gamba Grass Roots has an interest in and wishes to comment on gamba management on all rural and residential blocks, road verges, Government land, Commercial land, Pastoral land, Aboriginal lands, National Parks and Reserves, and others, including utility corridors, mining areas, defence land, etc. Basically, anywhere where gamba may be found.

Q5. The main factors that motivate our community to deal with gamba grass issues and support gamba action are looking after nature, the safety of people and protection of built infrastructure, lifestyle, financial impacts of not taking action. We also provide advice, guidance and often act as a conduit between residents and Government agencies, make asks of political decision-makers to back action and ensure accountability for government's gamba efforts.

Q6. Gamba Grass Roots have participated in the 2020 consultation to develop the Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020-2030, and the 2021 and 2022 'Have Your Say' surveys.

Knowledge of the gamba grass legal requirements

Q7. Gamba Grass Roots is very aware of the legal requirements to control or eradicate gamba grass, but we have concerns that the general public are still largely unaware. Putting materials 'out' is not the same as spending time to listen and engage with questions that the public may have about requirements. We would like to point out that those responding to this survey are likely to have a keen interest in the issue and already be engaged in gamba-related activities, so the response to this survey question is not likely to be indicative of the general population's knowledge.

Q8. Gamba Grass Roots finds out about gamba grass' legal requirements by reading the Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020-2030, Gamba Fire Mitigation: Compliance Policy, and the Weeds Management Act 2001. We also seek advice from experts and discuss requirements with public servants and other interested parties. Many people we speak with at market stalls rely on us and the Weeds Management Branch materials that we distribute, for their information. We don't believe that it would occur to some people that gamba laws exist (other than it's a weed that they should get rid of) or that they would know where to look to find them. Putting gamba information in council rates notices was a great way to reach property owners, but not those renting. Real estate agents could be encouraged to distribute gamba grass information to their renters to ensure they are aware of their legal requirements. We have been asked at our stalls if the removal of gamba is the responsibility of the owner or the renter and are unsure of the answer, so refer renters back to their real estate agents. We know the public would benefit from further direct engagement opportunities with Weeds Branch, Bushfires NT and other relevant agencies.

Q9. We would like to see people educated about their gamba grass legal requirements via the media, radio and television advertisements, through real estate agents selling or leasing properties, and Weed Management Branch stalls at shopping centres and markets (which could also provide information about Siam Weed, Mission Grass, etc); and continuing to put flyers in rates notices, providing information when utilising the Gamba Action Program, and by the Weed Management Branch officers when neighbours report problem properties. Furthermore, to ensure consistency in public and internal communication and delivery it's important that Government Departments such as Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) and their contractors are educated about the legal requirements, such as 15m gamba free buffers along both roadsides and their side of property fence lines, and on Crown land boundaries and tracks.

Blocks less than 3Ha in the Class B control zone

Q10. Gamba Grass Roots don't physically manage gamba grass but we assist people managing gamba on a (less than 3Ha) block by providing information. We also regularly hear from community members on successes and challenges tackling gamba on their block and how things are progressing in their area with their neighbours.

Q11. We understand that small properties in the Class B zone are required to be gamba free as this is an achievable goal if all small blocks are supported and assisted to be gamba free, due to the reduced likelihood of reinfestation if all properties become gamba free and the scale of the

management area (less than 3Ha). No property, regardless of size, can remain gamba free though if the road verges, easements, and neighbouring crown land or larger properties have unmanaged gamba reinfesting the smaller blocks.

Q12. N/A

Q13. N/A

Q14. N/A

Q15. N/A

Q16. N/A

Q17. The community tells us at market stalls that they would be more successful with their gamba management if they didn't repeatedly get reinfested by neighbouring land parcels. People speak with us about problem neighbouring blocks, with road verges, easements, Power and Water pipelines, vacant lots, crown land, etc, being the most commonly cited sources of gamba reinfestation.

Gamba Grass Assistance

Q18. Gamba Grass Roots doesn't physically manage gamba, so we don't utilise the Gamba Action Program, but we promote it through our newsletters, social media, and market stalls where we speak with land managers who rely on the herbicide and equipment the program provides. We often get asked about this program directly and get mistaken for a Government agency/distribution point, due to our public outreach efforts.

Q19. N/A

Q20. The Gamba Action Program is crucial to assisting land managers reduce and work towards eradicating their gamba loads, meet their legal obligations, and keep communities safe from gamba-fuelled fires. It is also integral to the Northern Territory Implementation Plan for the National Partnership on Disaster Risk Reduction, plus is crucial to achieving the goals of the Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020-2030. Particularly Goal 2 - Contain and control gamba grass by actively managing infestations across the Class B zone and preventing spread into new areas; and Goal 4 - Increase community capacity and willingness to participate in gamba grass management.

This 2022/23 year we had many people tell us that they were unable to get herbicide due to the program running out early, while others told us the amount of herbicide received was not sufficient to meet legal obligations, as a lack of adequate program funding resulted in less herbicide being available. Due to the cost of living and the cost of herbicide, many of these people are unable to purchase sufficient herbicide themselves and will struggle to manage their gamba, increasing the risk of dry season gamba-fuelled fires. There were a few people at the Freds Pass Market, who told us that they only had minor gamba infestations and were satisfied with the program, but they were definitely in the minority.

The Gamba Action Program requires an urgent funding increase if it is to ensure that Territorians can get access to enough herbicide to deal with gamba grass on their block to keep their homes and families safe, and for the program to meet the needs and expectations of the community.

Q20. N/A

Q21. N/A

Q22. Changes to the Gamba Action Program are absolutely needed to make the program more effective and to better meet the needs of the community. The program's funding has not increased since the program started in 2010. \$100,000 was sufficient for the program to meet community needs 13 years ago but is woefully inadequate in 2023. This insufficient funding resulted in the program not being able to purchase the necessary amount of herbicide required, herbicide running out in February when it was most needed, leaving many land managers unable to access any herbicide, and the herbicide quantities distributed not sufficient to meet the basic legal requirements of many properties. The Gamba Action Program Funding needs to be increased to at least \$300,000 per year for 4 years to meet the community's needs.

Review of gamba plan

Q23. The aspects of the Gamba Grass Weed Management Plan that we would like to see changed are:

- Section 4.1, "General duties for all land owners and occupiers", states that fire "can be useful for managing gamba grass fuel loads and minimising seed production" (p.11), however anecdotal evidence continues to emerge that burning seeded gamba spreads the seeds for many kilometres into clean areas. A warning to this effect should be included in the plan, with a recommendation that gamba be burnt prior to seeding.
- "Table 8. Goal 2 – Contain and control gamba grass by actively managing infestations across the Class B zone and preventing spread into new areas" (p.17), states this is to be done by "Land owners, occupiers and all users of land". We would like to see 'including government departments and utility companies' added to this statement, as they are considered to be the main source of infestations by many.
- Table 6 Transport Corridors states, "6.1 For all transport corridors, establish and maintain by chemical, mechanical or physical means, a gamba grass free buffer of 15 m in width on both sides of tracks and roads prior to seeding each year" (p.13) – this does not require amending, but needs much more compliance and enforcement, especially along the railway corridor and roadside verges. This 15m buffer must be along both sides of a road and measured from the outer edge of the road. As the buffer must also be on both sides of property boundaries, road verges must also have a 15m gamba free buffer along fence lines – something which is rarely if ever done, leaving road verge gamba to hang over property fences and infest neighbouring land. Enforcement is crucial to reducing fire risk and preventing people from becoming frustrated and disenfranchised by reinfestation from transport corridors. We often hear comments like, 'I keep getting rid of my gamba but the government keeps giving it back', and one lady told us that she's been spraying the same strip along her front boundary for 15 years but it keeps getting reinfested by "government gamba".
- Change the performance measures for the Gamba Action Program to better reflect outcomes. The current performance measure is, "The number of people participating in the Gamba Action Program has increased" (Table 10, 4.a, p.19). The success of the Gamba Action Program's objectives cannot be justified if the number of program participants increases, but the amount of herbicide provided has decreased and become inadequate.
- Create and include a framework and criteria for decision making and action to expand the eradication zone.

Q24. Yes, Gamba Grass Roots has found the Gamba Grass Annual Report to be a very useful resource which we often refer to.

Q25. In the future we would like to see the annual Gamba Grass Snapshot included with the gamba grass requirements leaflet in land owners rates notices. We would also like this to be expanded to include other Councils such as Katherine, Victoria Daly (Pine Creek), Darwin and Palmerston Council's rates notices due to the gamba requiring management in these areas.

Q26. Gamba Grass Roots is involved in many actions related to gamba grass. We distribute information, encourage and suggest improvements and advocate for greater gamba reduction and eradication programs, meet with relevant authorities and politicians, have market stalls, attend forums, conferences and events, and a host of other gamba related actions.

Q27. The main things we are told at stalls that impede people from managing gamba are:

- Lack of time due to work and/or family commitments.
- Lack of herbicide due to financial constraints.
- Health and fitness issues due to injury, illness, or age.
- Constant reinfestation making the exercise of removing gamba seem pointless.
- New to the area and don't know what gamba is or their legal requirements.
- Environmental factors such as wet areas prevent people from accessing gamba infestations.

Q28. There has definitely been a change in attitude towards gamba over the last two years. The number of people who tell us of the work they are doing to remove gamba is rapidly increasing and heartening to hear. More people are concerned by the fire risks of gamba-fuelled fires to their properties, the environment, and our national parks. It is the fear of fire that seems to motivate many to manage their gamba and drives them to call for more to be done on neighbouring land, crown lands, road verges and National Parks. We had quite a few people from Darwin River approach our stall at the Berry Springs market, asking how they can report unmanaged gamba and if the (ir)responsible land managers can be fined for noncompliance to encourage them to reduce their gamba fire risk. We refer these people and complaints to the Weed Management Branch.

Q29. It seems that each time we hear of a gamba success story, a fire impacts the property and the gamba returns with a vengeance.

Q30. Any other feedback?

It is important that community members can see how the NT is coordinating with the Federal Government's gamba programs with publicly available frameworks demonstrating how the NT and Commonwealth can reduce more gamba grass.

We also need to see more government agencies being held accountable for their unmanaged gamba as the current situation undermines public confidence that Government is taking gamba infestations seriously, with the uncontrolled gamba on public lands often cited as the main driver of gamba infestations on private properties.

More public facing listening and engagement by the Weed Management Branch should also be prioritised in the review of the plan.

Finally, it is important to highlight that this Plan represents a key driver of the response to gamba grass across the Northern Territory. This plan needs to guide decision-makers, be responsive and

open to public scrutiny and ideas, and it is where we will be able to measure success or otherwise as we seek to reduce gamba grass infestations and support community safety.

Q31. Yes, we agree for our feedback to be included in the 2023 Gamba Grass Annual Report.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our feedback in the 2023 Gamba Grass Survey.

Pauline Cass

For Gamba Grass Roots