

# Cats Claw in the Upper Clarence

Challenging our Paradigms and  
Commitment

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# Progress

- Community Meetings
- Jubullum projects
- Community Mapping
- Aerial Filming
- Weeds Forum
- Brochure production / distribution
- School Poster Competition
- Talk, talk, and talk
- Eg politicians, Fishing Co Ops, Plantation companies
- NCWAC project on isolated infestations
- Ewingar Awareness Education project
- CMA ~ \$80k



# Challenges Remaining

- Defining the role of the Community
- Political and Bureaucratic Awareness
- Realistic Funding







# Defining the role of the Community

A group of approximately seven people, mostly women, are seated outdoors under the shade of a large, thick tree. They are dressed in casual, warm-weather clothing, including hats and jackets. The setting appears to be a natural area with grass and other vegetation. The overall atmosphere is that of a community meeting or a public consultation session.

- Large Scale issue 150km riparian corridor +
- Large impacts – vegetation and habitat
- Predominately private land
- Estimated \$15m over 5 years

# Community Roles

- Issue Identification and Scoping
- Education and Awareness
- Demonstration Control Activities
- Project Planning
- Management
- Monitoring



# Political and Bureaucratic Awareness

- Intellectual Awareness is not enough
- Get people into the field
- Political decision making

Realistic Funding



# Key Points

- Large scale issue with large scale impacts
- Fast running out of time to act in a substantive manner
- Community has largely done its job
- To gain Political and Bureaucratic awareness on ground visits are required
- Realistic Funding is essential