



## **Policy**

### Castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*)

#### **Background**

Castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*) was first proclaimed at the request of the former Lower Flinders Pest Plant Board so that one kilometre of roadside through Horrocks pass could be treated. At the time of initial declaration a sunset clause was included in the recommendation. When the Animal and Plant Control Act was declared in 1987, castor oil plant was included until a review in 1990.

Castor oil plant is a garden escape, formerly cultivated for its oil and as an ornamental shrub. It is common in townships and watercourses in much of the State but spreads slowly and poses no threat to the environment. Large plants only develop in wet areas such as creeks, where they may cause blockages.

Enforcement is not necessary for the removal of any patches of castor oil plant which may remain on council or government owned land.

#### **DECLARATION**

Castor oil plant is not declared under the *Natural Resources Management Act, 2004*, and no sections of the Act apply to it.