

## Conditions

- Any stakeholder within the Maranoa-Balonne, Border Rivers and Condamine catchment can apply.
- Applicants who are members of sub-catchment planning groups from the Maranoa-Balonne or Border Rivers catchments will be given priority.
- Applications must take into consideration the Queensland guidelines for the construction of Vehicle and Machinery Washdown Facilities.
- Eligible activities include cement slab, gurney, small equipment shelter shed, vacuum and air compressor.
- Slabs may be built for light or heavy vehicles, depending on stakeholder preference.
- Stakeholder details, facility location, designs and budgets to be submitted for consideration no later than January 31, 2010.
- Funding will be based on 30% of the cost of approved activities, with stakeholders required to cover 70% of costs.
- Assessment of applications will be on a continuous basis, up to January 31, 2010, or until available resources have all been allocated.



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**for the information pack containing:**

- application form
- examples of equipment quotes
- wash down construction guidelines
- wash down designs

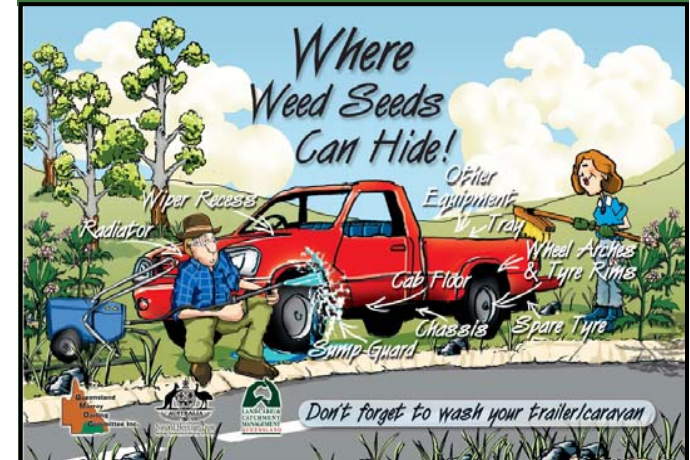
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# Wash Down Facilities



*prevent weed seed spread*



# Come Clean, Go Clean - vehicle and machinery hygiene

Weeds pose significant threats to the health of the environment and agricultural lands. Because weeds don't stop at the farm gate, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC) is offering an incentive to stakeholders in the Maranoa-Balonne, Border Rivers and Condamine catchment areas to install wash down facilities and prevent the spread of weeds.

## Weed Seed Spread

Weeds have a significantly adverse impact on the primary production, biodiversity and conservation values of Queensland. The cost to Queensland is approximately \$500 million annually in lost production and control measures. Weeds can also affect the health of the human population.

Preventing the spread of weeds is still the cheapest and most effective method of control.



**Chilean Needle Grass**



**Parthenium Weed**

**Parthenium** weed is a vigorous species that colonises weak pastures with sparse groundcover. The species can germinate, flower and set seed in four to six weeks, producing up to 28,000 seeds per plant!

Low value, invasive grass species such as **Chilean Needle Grass** and **African Lovegrass** pose a serious threat to the viability of many rural industries. These species have the ability to dominate large areas of sown pastures and native grazing land. They are often robust, tufted and produce large quantities of seed that disperse readily, creating a soil seed bank that can remain viable for a long time.

These are just some of the invasive weed species threatening the environment and agricultural production. One of the most effective methods of reducing the spread of weed seeds is the use of vehicle and machinery wash down facilities.

## A wash down facility offers you:

- a contained location that can be used by visitors (e.g. contractors entering and exiting your property)
- help meeting industry hygiene standards
- improved opportunities to maintain healthy and productive weed free pastures
- an increase in the long-term value of your property by containing threats.



**African Lovegrass**