

# NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD

## Important industry information

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### 2014-15 National Pest Plant Accord reassessment

At the completion of the 2011/12 National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) list review, the Steering Group decided that more information would be collected over a two year period on four risk species that had been proposed to be added to the NPPA during the review.

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name/s</b>
<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coast banksia
<i>Cornus capitata</i>	Strawberry dogwood
<i>Jasminum polyanthum</i>	Jasmine
<i>Rhaphiolepis umbellata</i>	Sexton's bride, Indian hawthorn, Yeddow hawthorn

In 2014 the Steering Group reassessed the four risk species based on information provided by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and industry and considered that the four species met the criteria required to be added to the Accord list, but wanted to consider any additional feedback from interested or affected parties. In March 2015, feedback from interested parties was sought.

### Deferred decision

The Steering Group met in October this year to make a final decision on whether or not to make a recommendation to the Chief Technical Officer (Ministry for Primary Industries), that all four species be added to the Accord list (and made Unwanted Organisms under the Biosecurity Act 1993). It was agreed at the meeting that the Steering Group still did not have sufficient information to undertake a complete assessment of these four species.

In addition, discussion of the feedback from the 2012 species list review also highlighted the need to examine NPPA processes and procedures in advance of the 2017 species list review. The meeting agreed that the decision on the four species would benefit from the improvements that would arise from the process examination, now scheduled for next year.

It was therefore decided to defer the Steering Group assessment on the four species on the basis that an examination of the NPPA processes and procedures would improve the consistency, transparency and clarity of the NPPA assessment process.

Note that concern remains about these species, but some time needs to be taken to ensure the NPPA systems are as robust as possible and ensure the ongoing credibility of the Accord.

Please note that there will be no formal public announcement of any proposed changes until the NPPA process have been clarified and agreed by all partners to the National Pest Plant Accord.

### Next steps

The Steering Group will be working closely with the Technical Advisory Group to reassess the current criteria and processes and will complete the process by 1 October 2016, prior to the next formal review of the NPPA list in 2017.