**14610 sq. km of Weed Surveillance and Property Inspections.**

**Tricks, tips, tools, and resources required in the bush.**

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**Summary**

La Niña in all its glory revitalised the drought-stricken Bogan LCA, from dust storms to good rain, good vegetative growth to happy cockies and townsfolk. Then, too much rain and 10 weeks of flooding along all the major and minor watercourses.

This paper addresses the unique variety of plant life and soil type of the district where farming operations vary due to the landscape. The landscape ranges from alluvial river country to rocky quartz hills where open flats and red gums meet mulga and pine scrub. What tools, tricks and resources are required/needed when conducting weed surveillance over such a diverse area in the most optimum growing conditions for the past few decades.

The how’s and whys of not relying on anybody but yourself and getting by without any mobile reception and how to overcome this inconvenience. As well as the dos and don’ts of communicating with both experienced and inexperienced farmers across the LCA. Also having reliable lines of communication with other stakeholders to complete targets and pinpoint old and new weed incursions.

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