



PUBLIC NOTICE

Neem Tree Eradication Program (*Azadirachta indica*)

Native to north-eastern India, neem tree is a fast-growing evergreen that has been introduced and established throughout Australia's tropics and subtropics. Neem is used to produce insecticide and was planted across northern Australia for this reason. However, it has escaped cultivation and is spreading across north-western Queensland. In dense stands, it has adverse effects on native plants and animals. Neems grow to between 15 and 20 metres tall.

Croydon Shire Council has declared the Neem tree an invasive species within the Shire. One of the common and most effective methods of controlling Neem is herbicide spraying and Council is launching an eradication program to help control the spread within the township of Croydon.

Council will conduct Neem tree herbicide spraying within the township of Croydon. Physical removal or neem trees will be the responsibility of the resident or landholder. Our Biosecurity Officer has been working with landowners to rid the town of the mature trees in backyards yards before they come to seed later in the year.

Birds and bats spread Neem seeds over very long distances and these seeds can remain active for 12-14 months. Your help is needed to eradicate mature trees and stop the spread of Neem seeds. Residents and community members are urged to report Neem tree locations to Council for eradication. Help stop the growing problem of Neem Trees!

If you have any questions about the program or would like to request Neem tree herbicide spraying, please contact Council's Biosecurity Officer, Wayne McFarlane on 0427 456 663 or email wmcfarlane@croydon.qld.gov.au

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