Bellyache bush is declared a Class A (to be eradicated), Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory and is a Weed of National Significance in Australia.

Bellyache bush is a declared weed in accordance with the Weeds Management Act.

Bellyache bush reduces production values and increases land management costs. Bellyache bush populations can gradually replace native plant communities, forming dense monospecific stands which can negatively impact ecological functioning and pastoral production. Bellyache bush is poisonous to both humans and stock if ingested.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the NT Weed Management Handbook. The Bellyache bush Weed Management Plan and Management Guide can be found at www.nt.gov.au/environment/weeds/weed-management-planning.