

## fact sheet 8. Code Of Practice

### Principles of the Best Management Code of Practice

Plant leucaena ONLY if you intend to manage it and are prepared to accept responsibility to control leucaena that establishes outside the planted area on your property, including watercourses.

This can be achieved by adopting the following practices:

1. Do not plant leucaena in areas where rivers, creeks and flood channels can disperse seed pods/seed. If leucaena becomes a restricted or regulated plant under a Wild Rivers declaration, growers must comply with the relevant Wild Rivers Code.
2. Keep leucaena at least 20m away from external fence lines.
3. Maintain a buffer strip of strong grass pasture between leucaena plantings and creeks or boundary fences.
4. Fully fence leucaena paddocks to avoid the unlikely risk of stock spreading ripe seed.
5. Graze or cut leucaena to keep it within the reach of animals and minimise seed set.
6. Chemically manage leucaena escapes with Access®.
7. Establish and manage vigorous grass in the inter-rows to:
  - a. provide competition to minimise establishment of volunteer leucaena seedlings.
  - b. minimize the risk of seed being transported during heavy rain.
  - c. productively utilize fixed nitrogen the system produces.
  - d. maintain ground cover and prevent soil erosion.
8. Maintain the practice of:
  - a. regularly monitoring creeks and major watercourses to detect any escaped leucaena seedlings and plants.
  - b. controlling all plants detected adjacent to property boundaries.
    - on creek banks and other adjoining areas where cattle do not normally have access.
    - on public roadsides (after first obtaining a permit from Main Roads or Shire Council).
9. Comply with local laws (weed declarations etc) and assist Local Government agencies to identify any escaped leucaena so that action can be taken to control it.
10. Promote the responsible management of leucaena in accordance with this Code.
11. Keep abreast of best practice developments in the management of leucaena.