

Melbourne Airport Land Management Monitoring, *for* Melbourne Airport, September 2015.

Phillips Agribusiness conducts a continuing assessment on the effectiveness of the weed and pest control program being implemented at Melbourne Airport. The 2014-15 report completed by Phillips Agribusiness records the 17th year the Melbourne Airport Land Management Project has been operating.

The land area involved is over 800ha. Over the years approximately 500ha has been subject to an intensive weed control and associated pasture improvement program. It represents the more arable land. 200ha remains in a degraded state largely due to terrain constraints, past land use patterns and severe weed ingress. A further 100ha is being progressively removed from the Land Management Program to meet industrial and infrastructure needs.

One of the most significant outcomes of the program has been to achieve better Serrated Tussock control through an extensive spot and boom spraying program. Pasture renovation is used to prevent weed regeneration while livestock grazing provides herbage control and assists in developing a stronger vegetative base.