



Australian Government
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Plant Breeders Rights Office

SUBMISSION OF SPECIMEN OF AUSTRALIAN NATIVE VARIETY TO THE ACRA

As part of the assessment for grant of PVR/PBR, the Plant Breeders Rights office requires all applicants for varieties of Australian native plants to forward a herbarium specimen to the Australian Cultivar Registration Authority (ACRA). It is a compulsory requirement under the *Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994*.

The comments that the ACRA make may assist you in the choice of appropriate comparators for the comparative growing trial. Therefore the most suitable time to supply a specimen is before you commence the trial work or as soon after the application is accepted as is practical. If you do not include the comparators suggested by the ACRA in the trial, you may be required to provide statements as to your reasoning or at the discretion of the PBR office, repeat the trial.

The specimen should be representative of the variety such that it displays those characteristics which make the new variety distinct and include enough plant parts to allow identification to species level. You may choose to also send a sample of your choice of comparators to the ACRA.

The herbarium specimen should arrive early in the working week. Best results are gained by mailing the specimen in a post tube by express post or airfreight express. Wrap the specimen in damp newspaper and plastic and send it with the attached *ACRA Herbarium Specimen* (Herb1 01/04) form to:

The Registrar - ACRA
Australian National Botanic Gardens
GPO Box 1777
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Please confirm the deposition or your intention to dispatch the specimen to the ACRA by completing the attached *Confirmation of Submission of Specimen to the ACRA* form (ACRAconf 01/04) form and return it to the PBR office.

Please note that the ACRA charges a fee of \$50 per application processed. This fee should be sent with the specimen. Cheques are to be made out to the ACRA, not PBR. The ACRA ABN is 37410355117. A receipted tax invoice will be sent to you.

You may wish to contact the Registrar, ACRA directly by phone 02 6250 9407 or e-mail frank.zich@deh.gov.au.