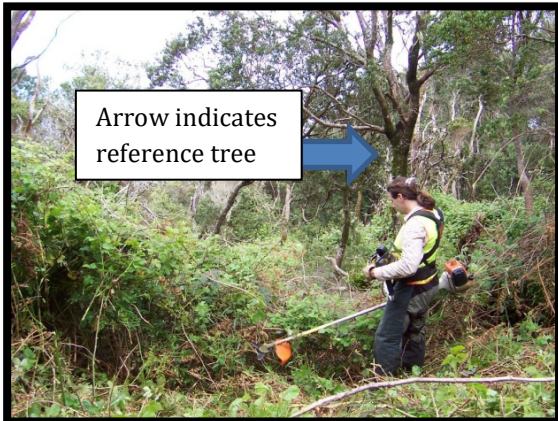# PHOTO MONITORING

"Before and After Photos"

It is important that you undertake some very simple photo monitoring as part of your project particularly for funded grants but for your own records of how things change. The most effective way to show change is to remember to take "before and after" photographs (from and of the same location) of your site.

EXAMPLE OF PHOTO MONITORING - BLACKBERRY CONTROL -PHOTO SERIES

Arrow indicates reference tree

23.11.2004 site brush cut to reduce bulk of blackberries

12 3.11.2004 – site immediately after brush cutting

3 9.2.2005 the new blackberry regrowth was sprayed

13.2.2006

Monitoring Tip

It is a good idea to identify the spot from where you took the "before" photo – as sometimes the place will look very different when you return for the subsequent "after" photo/s. For example use a marker that is also located with a GPS unit from which you took the photograph or find a reference tree, fence post etc as indicated above.

Record a compass direction where you took the photo or use a landmark that is obvious to frame the photograph. It is useful to have past photos with you to compare what you have framed up.