



POLICY REGISTER

Noxious Weeds

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OBJECTIVES: To determine procedures to be followed by Council staff in relation to noxious weed control, including the enforcement of the provisions of the Biosecurity Act 2015 (the Act).

To determine the assistance, if any, afforded by Council to landholders for noxious weed control in areas not requiring Council's direct involvement e.g. unfenced roadsides.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council shall implement the provisions of the Act.

2. Priority will be given to control of noxious weeds as follows:

Priority 1 – carry out control of noxious weeds on roadsides:

- (a) between fences if fenced on both sides;
- (b) across the road formation if not fenced on both sides.

Priority 2 – control noxious weeds on Council managed properties e.g. parks, gardens, playgrounds etc.

Priority 3 – assist property owners with education about noxious weeds and control on their properties.

3. Council will provide education programs which inform property owners and the general community about noxious weeds, and the need to control them, to ensure land productivity is maintained and environmental damage is minimised.

Where cooperation of landholders cannot be obtained, the provisions of the Act will be enforced, including the issuing of on-the-spot fines and statutory notices.

4. In areas where chemical sensitive crops are grown (e.g. grapes) Council will seek the assistance of landowners to control roadside weeds.