

# Control of Noxious Weeds Policy

## 1 Document Information

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## 2 Summary

Council will implement the requirements of the Biosecurity Act of 2015 to control and suppress the spread of noxious weeds with in the Cabonne Council area.

## 3 Approvals

Title	Date Approved	Signature
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## 4 History

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## 5 Reason

Council will implement the requirements of the Biosecurity Act of 2015 to control and suppress the spread of noxious weeds with in the Cabonne Council area in the manner detailed in this policy.

## 6 Scope

Applies to Council owned land; privately owned land including landowners and lessees; and Crown land on behalf of the State Government with the Cabonne LGA

## 7 Associated Legislation

Biosecurity Act of 2015

## 8 Definitions

LGA – Local Government Area

## 9 Responsibilities

### 9.1 General Manager

The General Manager is responsible for the overall control and implementation of the policy.

### 9.2 Directors and Managers

Directors and Managers are responsible for the control of the policy and procedures within their area of responsibility.

### 9.3 Staff

See below within policy statement.

## 10 Related Documents

Document Name	Document Location

## 11 Policy Statement

### 1. Goals and Objectives

- 1.1 Council will implement the requirements of the Biosecurity Act 2015 to control and suppress the spread of priority weeds with in the Cabonne Council area:
- Council owned land
  - Privately owned land including landowners and lessees
  - Crown land/state owned land on behalf of the State Government
- 1.2 The Council aims to progressively reduce the spread and infestation of priority weeds by the active co-operation and participation of landholders in the development of practical reasonable and effective whole farm biosecurity plans for weed control.
- 1.3 To maximise its limited financial resources Council aims to obtain maximum landholder co-operation and participation in the effective implementation of the biosecurity act.

- 1.4 Council will place great emphasis on those priority weeds that are likely to cause greatest economic loss either because of their wide spread presence or their ability to spread rapidly.
- 1.5 Council will continue to place high importance on preventing and acting readily to new incursions and biosecurity risks
- 1.6 Council will participate in the Central Tablelands Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan to maximise the potential to obtain effective grant funding.

## 2. Priority weeds for Central Tablelands Region

African boxthorn  
Lycium ferocissimum

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

African boxthorn  
Lycium ferocissimum

Regional Recommended Measure  
Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.  
Protect primary production lands that are free of African boxthorn

African olive  
Olea europaea subsp.  
cuspidata

Regional Recommended Measure  
Exclusion zone: whole region except the core infestation area of the Cowra Council area  
Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.

Alligator weed  
Alternanthera  
philoxeroides

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Alligator weed  
Alternanthera  
philoxeroides

Biosecurity Zone  
The Alligator Weed Biosecurity Zone is established for all land within the state except land in the following regions: Greater Sydney; Hunter (but only in the local government areas of City of Lake Macquarie, City of Maitland, City of Newcastle or Port Stephens).  
Within the Biosecurity Zone this weed must be eradicated where practicable, or as much of the weed destroyed as practicable, and any remaining weed suppressed. The local control authority must be notified of any new infestations of this weed within the

## Biosecurity Zone

Anchored water  
hyacinth  
*Eichhornia azurea*

### Prohibited Matter

A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

Athel pine  
*Tamarix aphylla*

### Prohibition on dealings

Must not be imported into the State or sold

Bellyache bush  
*Jatropha gossypifolia*

### Prohibition on dealings

Must not be imported into the State or sold

Bitou bush  
*Chrysanthemoides  
monilifera* subsp.  
*rotundata*

### Prohibition on dealings

Must not be imported into the State or sold

Bitou bush  
*Chrysanthemoides  
monilifera* subsp.  
*rotundata*

### Biosecurity Zone

The Bitou Bush Biosecurity Zone is established for all land within the State except land within 10 kilometres of the mean high water mark of the Pacific Ocean between Cape Byron in the north and Point Perpendicular in the south.

Within the Biosecurity Zone this weed must be eradicated where practicable, or as much of the weed destroyed as practicable, and any remaining weed suppressed. The local control authority must be notified of any new infestations of this weed within the Biosecurity Zone

Black knapweed  
*Centaurea X  
moncktonii*

### Prohibited Matter

A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

Black willow  
*Salix nigra*

### Prohibition on dealings

Must not be imported into the State or sold

Blackberry

### Prohibition on dealings

<p>Rubus fruticosus species aggregate</p>	<p>Must not be imported into the State or sold All species in the Rubus fruticosus species aggregate have this requirement, except for the varieties Black Satin, Chehalem, Chester Thornless, Dirksen Thornless, Loch Ness, Murrindindi, Silvan, Smooth Stem, and Thornfree</p>
<p>Blackberry Rubus fruticosus species aggregate</p>	<p>Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. Protect conservation areas, natural environments and primary production lands that are free of blackberry</p>
<p>Boneseed Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera</p>	<p>Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
<p>Boneseed Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera</p>	<p>Control Order Boneseed Control Zone: Whole of NSW Boneseed Control Zone (Whole of NSW): Owners and occupiers of land on which there is boneseed must notify the local control authority of new infestations; immediately destroy the plants; ensure subsequent generations are destroyed; and ensure the land is kept free of the plant. A person who deals with a carrier of boneseed must ensure the plant (and any seed and propagules) is not moved from the land; and immediately notify the local control authority of the presence of the plant.</p>
<p>Boxing glove cactus Cylindropuntia fulgida var. mamillata</p>	<p>Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
<p>Bridal creeper Asparagus asparagoides</p>	<p>Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold *this requirement also applies to the Western Cape form of bridal creeper</p>
<p>Bridal creeper Asparagus asparagoides</p>	<p>Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.</p>

Protect conservation areas and natural environments that are free of bridal creeper

Bridal veil creeper  
*Asparagus declinatus*

Prohibited Matter  
A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

Broomrapes  
Orobanche species

Prohibited Matter  
A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries  
All species of Orobanche are Prohibited Matter in NSW, except the natives *Orobanche cernua* var. *australiana* and *Orobanche minor*

Burr ragweed  
*Ambrosia confertiflora*

Regional Recommended Measure  
Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Notify local control authority if found.

Cabomba  
*Cabomba caroliniana*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Cane cactus  
*Austrocylindropuntia cylindrica*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold  
All species in the *Austrocylindropuntia* genus have this requirement

Cape broom  
*Genista monspessulana*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Cape broom  
*Genista monspessulana*

Regional Recommended Measure  
Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.

Protect conservation areas and natural environments that are free of Cape broom

Cat's claw creeper  
*Dolichandra unguis-*  
*cati*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Chilean needle grass  
*Nassella neesiana*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Chilean needle grass  
*Nassella neesiana*

Regional Recommended Measure  
Exclusion zone: whole region except for the core infestation area of Bathurst Council, Blayney Council, Lithgow Council, Oberon Council, Cabonne Council and Cowra Council  
Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.

Climbing asparagus  
*Asparagus africanus*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Climbing asparagus  
fern  
*Asparagus plumosus*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Common pear  
*Opuntia stricta*

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Coolatai grass  
*Hyparrhenia hirta*

Regional Recommended Measure  
Exclusion zone: whole region except for the core infestation areas of Lithgow Council and Mid-Western Regional Council areas  
Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.

Eurasian water milfoil  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*

Prohibited Matter

A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

Fireweed  
*Senecio*  
*madagascariensis*

Prohibition on dealings

Must not be imported into the State or sold

Fireweed  
*Senecio*  
*madagascariensis*

Regional Recommended Measure

Exclusion zone: Whole region except for the core infestation area of Bylong Valley and Kanimbla Valley (lower Cox River Catchment)

Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.

Flax-leaf broom  
*Genista linifolia*

Prohibition on dealings

Must not be imported into the State or sold

Frogbit  
*Limnobium laevigatum*

Prohibited Matter

A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries  
All species of *Limnobium* are Prohibited Matter

Gamba grass  
*Andropogon gayanus*

Prohibited Matter

A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

Giant Parramatta grass  
*Sporobolus fertilis*

Regional Recommended Measure

Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Notify local control authority if found.



Giant reed Arundo donax	<p>Regional Recommended Measure</p> <p>Exclusion zone: whole region except for the core infestation area of Bathurst Council, Cabonne Council and Cowra Council areas</p> <p>Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.</p>
Gorse Ulex europaeus	<p>Prohibition on dealings</p> <p>Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
Gorse Ulex europaeus	<p>Regional Recommended Measure</p> <p>Exclusion zone: whole region except for the core infestation area of Bathurst Council, Blayney Council, Lithgow Council and Oberon Council</p> <p>Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.</p>
Green cestrum Cestrum parqui	<p>Regional Recommended Measure</p> <p>Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment.</p> <p>Contain within riparian areas to protect grazing land that is free of green cestrum</p>
Grey willow Salix cinerea	<p>Prohibition on dealings</p> <p>Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
Ground asparagus Asparagus aethiopicus	<p>Prohibition on dealings</p> <p>Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
Harrisia cactus Harrisia species	<p>Regional Recommended Measure</p> <p>Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. The plant should not be</p>

bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment.  
Notify local control authority if found.  
This Regional Recommended Measure does not apply to cultivated plants.

Hawkweeds  
Hieracium species

Prohibited Matter  
A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries  
All species in the genus Hieracium are Prohibited Matter

Honey locust  
Gleditsia triacanthos

Regional Recommended Measure  
Exclusion zone: whole region except for the core infestation area of the Capertree Valley and Orange urban areas  
Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.

Horsetails  
Equisetum species

Regional Recommended Measure  
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Notify local control authority if found.

Hudson pear  
Cylindropuntia rosea

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Hudson pear  
Cylindropuntia rosea

Regional Recommended Measure  
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Notify local control authority if found.  
This Regional Recommended Measure applies to all species of Cylindropuntia.

Hydrocotyl

Prohibited Matter

Hydrocotyle ranunculoides	A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries
Hygrophila Hygrophila costata	Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Notify local control authority if found.
Hymenachne Hymenachne amplexicaulis and hybrids	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Karoo thorn Vachellia karroo	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries
Kochia Bassia scoparia	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries Excluding the subspecies trichophylla
Koster's curse Clidemia hirta	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries
Lagarosiphon Lagarosiphon major	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

Lantana Lantana camara	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Long-leaf willow primrose Ludwigia longifolia	Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Notify local control authority if found.
Ludwigia Ludwigia peruviana	Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Notify local control authority if found.
Madeira vine Anredera cordifolia	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Mesquite Prosopis species	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold All species in the genus Prosopis have this requirement
Mexican feather grass Nassella tenuissima	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries
Miconia Miconia species	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries All species of Miconia are Prohibited Matter in NSW
Mikania vine Mikania micrantha	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must

immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries  
\*all species in the genus Mikania are Prohibited Matter in NSW

Mimosa  
Mimosa pigra

Prohibited Matter  
A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

Mother-of-millions  
Bryophyllum species

Regional Recommended Measure  
Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment.  
Protect conservation areas, natural environments and grazing land that is free of mother-of-millions

Ox-eye daisy  
Leucanthemum  
vulgare

Regional Recommended Measure  
Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment.  
Protect conservation areas, natural environments and primary production lands that are free of ox-eye daisy

Parkinsonia  
Parkinsonia aculeata

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold

Parkinsonia  
Parkinsonia aculeata

Control Order  
Parkinsonia Control Zone: Whole of NSW  
Parkinsonia Control Zone (Whole of NSW): Owners and occupiers of land on which there is parkinsonia must notify the local control authority of new infestations; immediately destroy the plants; ensure subsequent generations are destroyed; and ensure the land is kept free of the plant. A person who deals with a carrier of parkinsonia must ensure the plant (and any seed and propagules) is not moved from the land; and immediately notify the local control authority of the presence of the plant.

Parthenium weed  
Parthenium

Prohibited Matter  
A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of

hysterophorus	prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries
Parthenium weed Parthenium hysterophorus	<p>Prohibition on dealings</p> <p>The following equipment must not be imported into NSW from Queensland: grain harvesters (including the comb or front), comb trailers (including the comb or front), bins used for holding grain during harvest operations, augers or similar for moving grain, vehicles used to transport grain harvesters, support vehicles driven in paddocks during harvest operations, mineral exploration drilling rigs and vehicles used to transport those rigs, unless set out as an exception in Division 5, Part 2 of the Biosecurity Order (Permitted Activities) 2017</p>
Pond apple Annona glabra	<p>Prohibited Matter</p> <p>A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries</p>
Prickly acacia Vachellia nilotica	<p>Prohibited Matter</p> <p>A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries</p>
Prickly pears - Austrocylindropuntias Austrocylindropuntia species	<p>Prohibition on dealings</p> <p>Must not be imported into the State or sold</p> <p>All species in the Austrocylindropuntia genus have this requirement</p>
Prickly pears - Cylindropuntias Cylindropuntia species	<p>Prohibition on dealings</p> <p>Must not be imported into the State or sold</p> <p>All species in the Cylindropuntia genus have this requirement</p>
Prickly pears - Cylindropuntias Cylindropuntia species	<p>Regional Recommended Measure</p> <p>Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Notify local control authority if found.</p> <p>This Regional Recommended Measure does not apply to</p>

cultivated plants

Prickly pears -  
Opuntias  
Opuntia species

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold  
Except for Opuntia ficus-indica (Indian fig)

Privet - broad-leaf  
Ligustrum lucidum

Regional Recommended Measure  
Exclusion zone: urban areas of Bathurst Council, Blayney Council, Lithgow Council, Oberon Council, and Orange City Council  
Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant is prevented from flowering and fruiting. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land.

Privet - European  
Ligustrum vulgare

Regional Recommended Measure  
Exclusion zone: urban areas of Bathurst Council, Blayney Council, Lithgow Council, Oberon Council, and Orange City Council  
Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant is prevented from flowering and fruiting. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land.

Privet - narrow-leaf  
Ligustrum sinense

Regional Recommended Measure  
Exclusion zone: urban areas of Bathurst Council, Blayney Council, Lithgow Council, Oberon Council, and Orange City Council  
Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant is prevented from flowering and fruiting. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land.

Rope pear  
Cylindropuntia  
imbricata

Prohibition on dealings  
Must not be imported into the State or sold  
All species in the Cylindropuntia genus have this requirement

Rope pear  
Cylindropuntia

Regional Recommended Measure  
Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being

imbricata	introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Notify local control authority if found. This Regional Recommended Measure applies to all species of <i>Cylindropuntia</i>
Rubber vine <i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries
Sagittaria <i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Sagittaria <i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>	Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Notify local control authority if found.
Salvinia <i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Scotch broom <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> subsp. <i>scoparius</i>	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Scotch broom <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> subsp. <i>scoparius</i>	Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. Protect conservation and natural environments that are free of Scotch broom
Serrated tussock <i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Serrated tussock	Regional Recommended Measure



<p>Nassella trichotoma</p>	<p>Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. Protect conservation areas, natural environments and primary production lands that are free of serrated tussock</p>
<p>Siam weed Chromolaena odorata</p>	<p>Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries</p>
<p>Silverleaf nightshade Solanum elaegnifolium</p>	<p>Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
<p>Silverleaf nightshade Solanum elaegnifolium</p>	<p>Regional Recommended Measure Exclusion zone: whole region except the core infestation area of Cowra Council, Cabonne Council and Mid-Western Regional Council Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.</p>
<p>Smooth tree pear Opuntia monacantha</p>	<p>Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
<p>Snakefeather Asparagus scandens</p>	<p>Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold</p>
<p>Spanish heath Erica lusitanica</p>	<p>Regional Recommended Measure Exclusion zone: whole region except for the core infestation area of Lithgow Council Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.</p>

<p>Spiny burrgrass - longispinus Cenchrus longispinus</p>	<p>Regional Recommended Measure Exclusion zone: whole region except the core infestation area of Mid-Western Regional Council, Bathurst Council, Cabonne Council and Cowra Council areas Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.</p>
<p>Spiny burrgrass - spinifex Cenchrus spinifex</p>	<p>Regional Recommended Measure Exclusion zone: whole region except the core infestation area of Mid-Western Regional Council, Bathurst Council, Cabonne Council and Cowra Council areas Whole region: The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Exclusion zone: The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land. Core infestation area: Land managers should mitigate spread from their land.</p>
<p>Spongeplant Limnobium spongia</p>	<p>Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries All species of Limnobium are Prohibited Matter</p>
<p>Spotted knapweed Centaurea stoebe subsp. micranthos</p>	<p>Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries</p>
<p>St. John's wort Hypericum perforatum</p>	<p>Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Protect grazing land that is free of St. John's wort</p>
<p>Tiger pear</p>	<p>Prohibition on dealings</p>

Opuntia aurantiaca	Must not be imported into the State or sold
Tiger pear Opuntia aurantiaca	Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. Protect unimproved grazing lands that are free of tiger pear
Tropical soda apple Solanum viarum	Control Order Tropical Soda Apple Control Zone: Whole of NSW Tropical Soda Apple Control Zone (Whole of NSW): Owners and occupiers of land on which there is tropical soda apple must notify the local control authority of new infestations; destroy the plants including the fruit; ensure subsequent generations are destroyed; and ensure the land is kept free of the plant. A person who deals with a carrier of tropical soda apple must ensure the plant (and any seed and propagules) is not moved from the land; and immediately notify the local control authority of the presence of the plant on the land, or on or in a carrier.
Tutsan Hypericum androsaemum	Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment. Protect conservation areas, natural environments and primary production land that is free of tutsan
Velvety tree pear Opuntia tomentosa	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold
Water caltrop Trapa species	Prohibited Matter A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries All species in the Trapa genus are Prohibited Matter in NSW
Water hyacinth Eichhornia crassipes	Prohibition on dealings Must not be imported into the State or sold

Water hyacinth Eichhornia crassipes	<p><b>Biosecurity Zone</b></p> <p>The Water Hyacinth Biosecurity Zone applies to all land within the State, except for the following regions: Greater Sydney or North Coast, North West (but only the local government area of Moree Plains), Hunter (but only in the local government areas of City of Cessnock, City of Lake Macquarie, MidCoast, City of Maitland, City of Newcastle or Port Stephens), South East (but only in the local government areas of Eurobodalla, Kiama, City of Shellharbour, City of Shoalhaven or City of Wollongong). Within the Biosecurity Zone this weed must be eradicated where practicable, or as much of the weed destroyed as practicable, and any remaining weed suppressed. The local control authority must be notified of any new infestations of this weed within the Biosecurity Zone</p>
Water hyacinth Eichhornia crassipes	<p><b>Regional Recommended Measure</b></p> <p>Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Notify local control authority if found.</p>
Water soldier Stratiotes aloides	<p><b>Prohibited Matter</b></p> <p>A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries</p>
Willows Salix species	<p><b>Prohibition on dealings</b></p> <p>Must not be imported into the State or sold</p> <p>All species in the Salix genus have this requirement, except Salix babylonica (weeping willows ), Salix x calodendron (pussy willow) and Salix x reichardtii (sterile pussy willow)</p>
Witchweeds Striga species	<p><b>Prohibited Matter</b></p> <p>A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries</p> <p>All species in the Striga genus are Prohibited Matter in NSW, except the native Striga parviflora</p>
Yellow burrhead Limnocharis flava	<p><b>Prohibited Matter</b></p> <p>A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes</p>

aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries

### **3. Council locally targeted species**

3.1 The problem weeds in the Council area are as follows:

1. Johnson Grass
2. Scotch Thistle
3. African Boxthorn
4. Serrated Tussock
5. Blue Heliotrope
6. Dodder
7. Green Cestrum
8. English/Scotch Broom
9. Pear Species (Tiger & Prickly)
10. Chilean Needle Grass.
11. Blackberry
12. Silver Leaf Nightshade
13. St John's Wort
14. Coolatai Grass
15. Spiny Burrgrass
16. Sweetbriar
17. Bathurst Burr
18. African Lovegrass
19. Tree of Heaven
20. Nodding Thistle
21. Noogoora Burr

### **3.2 Weed Control Program**

The Chief Weeds Officer will prepare a yearly program and timetable for inspections and the spraying of various weeds. This timetable should be flexible to fit in with seasonal changes and weather conditions.

### **4. Property Inspection Procedure**

#### **4.1 Pre-inspection notice**

Council will mail out to the Landholder a Notice of inspection for weeds giving at least 10 working days notice from postage.

#### **4.2 Property Inspections**

Following the necessary advice and consultation with property owners as required by the Act Council staff will inspect properties throughout the Council. Within the limits of staff resources inspections will cover the overall Council area with particular attention to known problem areas or in response to residents or other specific requests.

#### 4.3 Issue of Reports

On completion of the inspection the Weed Inspector will issue a property inspection report to the owner stating any weed if any. The report will give a reasonable time for suppression to occur. In the case of the landowner being absent at the time of the inspection the report will be posted to the owner.

#### 4.4 Technical Advice

Council's Weeds Inspectors can assist by advising landholders of the best methods of treatment to suit each infestation for example cultivation, pastoral or chemical means. Staff are to maintain regular contact with the NSW Department of Primary Industry regarding latest recommended control measures.

## 5. Obligations of Private Landholders Weed Biosecurity

From 1 July 2017 the [Biosecurity Act 2015](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/biosecurity-act-2015) (link = <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/biosecurity-act-2015>) and its subordinates came into effect replacing all or part of 14 Acts including the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.

The Act provides modern, flexible tools and powers that allow effective, risk-based management of biosecurity in NSW. It will increase efficiency and decrease regulation in responding to biosecurity risks and provides a streamlined statutory framework to protect the NSW economy, environment and community from the negative impact of pests, diseases and weeds.

### General Biosecurity Duty

The [General Biosecurity Duty](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/biosecurity-legislation/general-biosecurity-duty) (link = <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/biosecurity-legislation/general-biosecurity-duty>) (section 22 of the Biosecurity Act) states that: “any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.”

### Priority Weeds

The [Central Tablelands Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan](#) supports regional implementation of the *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015* by articulating community expectations in relation to effective weed management and facilitating a coordinated approach to weed management in the region.

The plan identifies state and regionally prioritised weeds and outcomes to demonstrate compliance with the General Biosecurity Duty.

[NSW WeedWise](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/) (link = <http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>) contains over 300 priority weeds, describing:

- Profile
- Control (including registered herbicide options)
- Biosecurity duty (under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*)

### Your role

All land owners or land managers have a ‘General Biosecurity Duty’ to prevent, eliminate or minimise the Biosecurity Risk posed or likely to be posed by weeds.

If a weed poses a biosecurity risk in a particular area, but is not the subject of any specific legislation, Council’s Authorised Officers may rely on the general biosecurity duty to manage that weed or prevent its spread.

## 6. Cabonne Council weed control guidelines

6.1 Biosecurity risks are to be minimised at all times with an effective whole farm plan.

- 6.2 The first priority is to establish perimeter control to prevent spread to adjoining properties and then to work into the property from the boundaries.
- 6.3 If a property has a large infestation that could not be economically treated in one (1) year Council's Weeds Officers in consultation with the landowner are to establish a plan to deal with the infestation over a number of years.
- 6.4 Initially a base area will be agreed to and then cleared of weeds. The next season the same area must be treated for re-infestation and a further section of the property treated. This system would then continue until the weeds on the property are effectively suppressed and controlled.
- 6.5 The Department of Primary Industry recommends that cleaning up light scattered infestations first and then containing large dense infestations by treating the base perimeters until work can be commenced on the base infestation. This can achieve the most positive and economic long-term results.
- 6.6 The Biosecurity Weeds Act identifies that the control authority (Council) has discretion in the extent to which it implements the provisions of the Act but the property owner has the full obligation to ensure weeds are suppressed and controlled.

## **7. Council Requirements**

### **7.1 Staff Resources**

At the present time Council employs a Chief Weeds Officer, three (3) Weeds Inspectors whose duties are to:

- Inspect properties and all land under Council control with a view to locating infestations of weeds under the Biosecurity Act 2015
- Prevent the spread of weeds and reduce existing infestations as required under the Biosecurity Act 2015
- To implement Council's weed Control Program
- To alert Council to any significant changes in the weeds situation in the Council.
- Liaise with officers of the NSW Department of Primary Industry.
- The Chief Weeds Officer is available to the public for advice *most* days at the Molong Office 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Phone 6392 3202 Mobile phone contact is also provided for other staff.

### **7.2 Equipment Resources**

- Private property owners have the choice to have control work done by private contractors or by Council staff if they have available time
- Three Inspectors have four wheel drive vehicles with spray equipment, which is to be used for control work.
- The Chief Weeds Officer's vehicle is to be a four wheel drive without spray equipment

### **7.3 Chemical Supply**

Council will supply registered chemicals for noxious weed control at the Council's bulk purchase price plus a small handling fee.



## **8. Regional Committees – Council Participation**

Council and its staff participate in the activities with Central Tablelands Regional Weed Committee and other Regional Committees, ie Lachlan and Macquarie Valleys.

Council recognises the importance of these Committees in accessing grants funding from New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and also influencing strategies on weeds control within the region.

## **9. References**

<http://centraltablelands.lis.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weed-control>

[Local Weed Management Guides/Programs](#)

[Regional Best Practice Guides](#)

[Councils Pesticide Notification Plan](#)

[NSW Department of Primary Industries](#)

[NSW WeedWise](#)