



## PROPERTY WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS

### A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

#### When must I prepare a PWMP?

When you are aware of the presence of a Class 4 noxious weed on land which you occupy or when the Council serves on you a notice requiring the preparation of a plan.

#### What is a Class 4 noxious weed?

Class 4 noxious weeds are the more common or widespread weeds which pose a threat to primary production, the environment or human health and which are likely to spread in the Council's area, or in another area. The growth and spread of Class 4 noxious weeds must be controlled. In the Council's area Class 4 noxious weeds include blackberry, serrated tussock, privet, St John's wort, nodding thistle, scotch thistle, and scotch broom. You can get a full list from the Council.

#### Must I prepare a PWMP for all noxious weeds?

Yes, but not if your land is in a town or village and the only noxious weeds on the land are blackberry or privet.

#### Must I prepare a PWMP for each noxious weed?

No. Your PWMP may contain information about more than one noxious weed. You do not need a separate PWMP for each noxious weed on your land.

#### What form must my PWMP take?

There is no set form. Your PWMP can take any form you want, but it must be in writing. The Council has a prepared form which you may use, and you will probably find it of assistance to do so, but you are not obliged to use it. The printed prepared form may be filled out by hand or you can, if you wish, fill out an electronic form on your computer and then print it off.

#### What if I already have a Farm Management Plan?

If you have a written Farm Management Plan that contains details of how you plan to control noxious weeds on your land this may be sufficient or you may need to supply only minimal additional information to the Council.

#### What is Integrated Weed Management?

Integrated Weed Management means the planning and implementation of a program of work for controlling the growth and spread of a weed using any of the available methods of control that may be appropriate in the circumstances, including-

- Measures to prevent invasion, or reinvasion, by the weed,
- Physical or mechanical measures,
- Biological agents,
- Herbicide methods,
- Cultural methods, and
- Land management practices

#### So, what must my PWMP contain?

Your PWMP may contain whatever information you think is appropriate, but it must contain the following.

- Particulars of the weed or weed to which it relates.
- Details of the land to which it relates.
- Details of the program of work proposed to control the growth and spread of the weed.
- Details of the means of implementing the program of work proposed in the plan, including details of how the implementation may require modification to take account of contingencies (such as seasonal conditions or changes in commodity prices).
- A timeframe for the commencement and completion of the program of work.
- Details of how compliance with the plan will be monitored and reported to the council.

#### What is a program of work?

A program of work means an effective program for controlling the growth and spread of the weed, or weeds, to which your PWMP applies according to the principles of Integrated Weed Management.

#### What are some of the advantages that might come from PWMPs?

- Rural landholders will be able to choose the most appropriate weed control strategy for their land.
- Flexible, innovative and effective methods of weed control will be allowed and promoted.
- Cooperation between landholders in the preparation of PWMPs will be encouraged and will lead to more effective weed control.
- Council's inspection schedule will emphasise compliance with work programs in PWMPs rather than locating weeds and will therefore be more targeted and cost effective.
- Additional grant funds for weed control will be attracted to the Council's area, both to the Council and to individual landholders.

#### How do I get help or find out more?

Contact the Council: we are here to help. There is no charge.  
Telephone 63331375 or check out our website [www.umcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.umcc.nsw.gov.au).

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