



WEED CONTROL CLASS 4 MANAGEMENT PLAN

The control objective for weed control class 4 is to minimise the negative impact of those plants on the economy, community or environment of NSW.

NAME OF WEED: Bitou Bush

Common name: Bitou Bush **Scientific name:** *Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp rotundata*

The above mentioned weed is a noxious weed declared under section 7 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.

AREA OF OPERATION & PHONE NUMBERS FOR LOCAL CONTROL AUTHORITIES:

Blue Mountains 4780 5000

CONTACT PERSON(S)

Weeds Officer: Ian Lett, Dave Whiteman **Council:** Blue Mountains City Council

PLAN PERIOD

Starting date: 10 November 2006 **Completion date:** 28 February 2011
(Unless otherwise revoked)

CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE WEED AS PER ORDER 19

The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the local control authority and the plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

Small infestations (Less Than under 10m²):
Small infestations must be completely controlled.

Large infestations (10m² or greater):
Must be contained and prevented from seeding. A weed management plan for the site must be submitted and approved by the Local Control Authority

On public land, Bitou Bush will be strategically controlled and reduced according to priority and available resources.

CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS WEED IN THE AREA OF OPERATION

General information on control methods for this weed can be found at <http://www.weedsbluemountains.org.au> and in the most recent edition of the annual Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook or at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au
More extensive control options for Bitou Bush are detailed in the *Best Practice Management Guide 3- Bitou Bush* published by the Cooperative Research Centre for Weed Management Systems (Weeds CRC).

All herbicide use is to be undertaken with a registered herbicide as specified on the herbicide product label or relevant off-label permit published by the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority. Herbicide use must comply with the Pesticides Act 1999, all relevant legislation, and Blue Mountains City Council's Pesticide Notification Plan as of February 2007 where works are carried out on public lands.

Manual Control

Cut and paint mature plants. Hand remove seedlings and young plants ensuring removal of entire root system. Plants are liable to re-sprout after slashing alone but applying herbicide to stems immediately after cutting should prevent regrowth. Bag all seeding material.

Herbicide Control

Spray plants with a registered herbicide. Plants can be treated year round but best results will be obtained in winter when the plant is actively growing.

Follow-up control after initial treatment is important to control regrowth and seedling germination in the long term.

Note: For infestations in sensitive areas (i.e. Significant vegetation – Endangered Ecological Communities other scheduled vegetation, steep slopes, and creek line vegetation) the landholder will be required to develop a Weed Management Plan (WPM) that will stipulate the control measures. The WPM is to be endorsed by Council.

LINKAGES TO OTHER PLANS, STRATEGIES (Local, Regional, State and National):

Sydney Bitou Bush / Boneseed Regional Management Plan
Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)
Weeds of National Significance. Bitou and Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *rotundata*) (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *monilifera*) Strategic Plan
NSW Bitou Bush strategy
NSW Bitou Threat Abatement Plan

SECTION 12 OBLIGATIONS (from the Noxious Weeds Act 1993)

Private occupiers of land must control noxious weeds on land.

An occupier (other than a public authority or a local control authority) of land to which a weed control order applies must control noxious weeds on the land as required under the order.

Failure to comply with a weed control order will incur a penalty.

Note: If an occupier fails to comply with obligations under a weed control order, those obligations may be enforced against the owner of the land as well as the occupier by a weed control notice issued under section 18.

PLAN ENDORSEMENT

This plan is endorsed by the Blue Mountains City Council.

Signed by: _____ Position: General Manager

Dated: _____

Please note: this document is only binding when reproduced in entirety.