



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: Chilean Needle Grass

Common name: Chilean Needle Grass

Scientific name: *Nassella neesiana*

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

Ph: 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 (under 5 ha):

Entire seed head must be removed and destroyed. Weed must be completely controlled. A weed management plan for the site must be submitted and approved by the Local Control Authority.

Large infestations (5 ha or greater):

Managed according to integrated management techniques and a weed management plan for the site must be submitted and approved by the Local Control Authority.

On public authority land, Chilean Needle Grass must be controlled at the same level as on private land.

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 *Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook* at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

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.

For small infestations (under 10m²) remove by hand digging the entire plant including the roots, taking care to minimise soil disturbance.

Herbicide Control

Spot spray small infestations with a registered herbicide. Before attempting large scale herbicide control, seek specialist advice.

Integrated Management.

In agricultural situations, do not overgraze pasture. Plant competitive pasture that maintains good ground cover, spot spray with registered herbicide where appropriate and prevent seedlings from developing and flowering. Short duration, intensive grazing, followed by extended spelling of pasture is useful. Cell grazing also ensures that all grasses are grazed down. Consultation with a NSW Department of Primary Industries agronomist is recommended prior to use of these control methods.

SPECIAL NOTE:

1. After treatment, carefully clean all tools, equipment and machinery to prevent spread of the weed.

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 (WMP) that will stipulate the control measures. The WMP is to be endorsed by Council.

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

Sydney Wide Regional Weed Management Plan for Grasses
Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weed Strategy
Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Weed Strategy

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:

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