



## 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: Scotch Broom / English Broom**

**Common name:** Scotch Broom  
English Broom

**Scientific name:** *Cytisus scoparius*

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.

The Blue Mountains City Council specifies the following measures to control this weed:

For small infestations on privately owned land, all plants must be removed / destroyed. For large infestations, weeds must be continually treated and a weed management plan for the site must be completed by the landholder and approved by the Blue Mountains City Council.

On public land, Scotch Broom/ English Broom will be strategically controlled and reduced according to 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](http://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.**

Treatment time is all year round except for spraying which should be done in Spring.

Small scale infestations (Less than 10m<sup>2</sup>):

1. Hand remove (bag any seed present)
2. Cut and paint with registered herbicide
3. Spot spray using registered herbicide

Large scale infestations (Greater than 10m<sup>2</sup>):

1. Spray using registered herbicide: **Note:** Mature plants or plants with no leaves should not be sprayed
2. Slash mature infestations as close to ground as possible, then spray regrowth when at least 30cm high as above. **Note:** slashing should not be used in sensitive areas.

**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 North Regional Weeds Strategy  
Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weeds Strategy (currently being developed)  
Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Weeds Strategy (currently being developed)  
Sydney-wide Gorse, Scotch Broom and Cape Broom Regional Management Plan 2004-2009

**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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