



# Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

## WEEDS POLICY

ENV009

### BACKGROUND

This policy has been developed to set out actions requires by land managers or occupiers and Local Control Authorities (LCA) to fulfil the obligations under the Noxious Weeds Act.

Council is required under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 to ensure, so far as practicable, that owners and occupiers of land with the Local Government Area (LGA), carry out obligations to control noxious weeds.

### OBJECTIVE

Council's objectives are as follows

1. To conduct inspections of all land with the LGA.
2. To carry out efficient and effective programs for the control of weeds on Council controlled land.
3. Ensure best practice weed management is adopted including chemical, mechanical and biological methods of control.
4. To provide education and advisory services to the community
5. Implement the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all land owners and land managers in the LGA including, but not limited to:

- Council
- Private landowners/occupiers, and
- Public Authorities

### DEFINITION

Council - Lachlan Shire Council

LCA – Local Control Authorities

LGA – Local Government Area

LWAC – Lachlan Valley Weed Advisory Committee

WAP – Weeds Action Program

### POLICY

Council is committed to reducing or containing the spread of noxious and environmental weeds within the LGA. To meet these commitments Council:

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- is an active member within the Lachlan Valley Weed Advisory Committee (LVWAC)
- will employ at least 1 (one) appropriately qualified weeds inspector at all times, or make every effort to ensure the position is filled as soon as possible after becoming vacant.
- will ensure every residential and rural property within the Council area is inspected for weeds at least once during a 10 (ten) year period.

The target number of inspections of properties, as well as businesses and Council managed lands, per year are set out under the Weeds Action Program (WAP). Council will make every effort to reach these targets each year.

- will ensure inspections of high risk sites and pathways are carried out according to the targets set out WAP. High risk sites and pathways include but are not limited to:

Pathways		Sites
Roads	State Highways State Roads Regional Roads Local sealed roads Local unsealed roads	Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR) Nurseries Landscape/gravel suppliers Lakes/reservoirs/dams Wetland/marsh areas
Water Courses	Rivers Creeks Irrigation channels	Bridge crossings Boat ramps Public parks adjacent to water bodies/courses
Infrastructure Lines	Railway corridors Telephone lines Gas lines Power lines	Pet shops, aquarium suppliers Saleyards Airports Other

### RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Lachlan Valley Weed Advisory Committee – Weeds Action Program
- Lachlan Regional Weed Strategy
- NSW Invasive Species Plan

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