



ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

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PRIORITY WEEDS

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OBJECTIVES

- To eradicate or control all priority weeds on Council-owned and public lands thereby setting an example to landholders.
- To determine the degree of priority weed infestation within the City by regular inspections of all lands and to determine a programme for the eradication or control of such priority weeds.
- To achieve the control and/or containment of priority weeds with the closest co-operation of the landholder in the first instance, otherwise by use of the legal powers identified in the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.
- To carry out the policy in close liaison with the Local Land Services and NSW Department of Primary Industry.
- To maintain a list of priority weeds as set out in the Central Tablelands Local Land Service's Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan and to review such priority list every three years.
- To initiate and maintain adequate publicity, so that all landholders are aware of their responsibilities and legal obligations to manage priority weeds on their property.
- To raise public/community awareness of the detrimental effect priority weeds have on both our agriculture and environment.
- To maintain a high level of staff training, in co-operation with NSW Department of Primary Industry, so that appropriate methods of control can be applied by Council to its own lands, and proper advice can be given to landholders.

APPLICABILITY

Council staff, contractors and land owners

PROCEDURE

Council will apply the following process:

- Issue a Notice of inspection to land holder
- Inspection report sent to land holder advising status of property
- If priority weeds are present the landholder will be asked to provide a verbal or written undertaking to control the weeds under Section 142 of the NSW Biosecurity Act of 2015
- If the weeds are not controlled by specified dates Council will issue a Biosecurity Direction to control the weeds under Section 123 of the NSW Biosecurity Act of 2015.
- If the weeds are not controlled by the date specified in the direction the owner will be interviewed to find out why the weeds have not been controlled.
- If a suitable reason is not given Council, or it's agent, will enter the property and control the weeds and recover costs under Section 133 of the NSW Biosecurity Act of 2015.

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Relevant documents/legislation

Local Government Act 1993

NSW Biosecurity Act 2015

Central Tablelands Local Land Service's Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan

Responsible Area – Development Services

REVISION					
	DATE	RESOLUTION		DATE	RESOLUTION
1	January 2001	Operational	6	January 2009	09/453
2	January 2004		7	August 2014	14/955
3	January 2006		8	5 June 2018	18/254
4	January 2007		9		
5	January 2008				

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Amendment Date	Section/Reference and Amendment
March 2018	Change of Policy name from Noxious Weeds to Priority Weeds Updated new Biosecurity Act and Central Tablelands Local Land Services Regional Strategic Weed Plan requirements
August 2014	Updated Department names and formatting.