



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(s) is a noxious weed declared under section 7 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.

AREA OF OPERATION & PHONE NUMBERS FOR LOCAL CONTROL AUTHORITIES:

Woollahra municipality LGA

Woollahra Council 9391 7000

PLAN PERIOD

Starting date: 1 March 2006

Completion date: 28 February 2011
(Unless otherwise revoked)

CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE WEED AS PER ORDER 19

Class 4: "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 above local control authorities specify the following measures to control this weed:

Individual specimens and small infestations must be completely removed.

Large infestations must be managed according to integrated management techniques and a weed management plan for the site must be completed by the landholder and approved by the Local Control Authority.

CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS WEED IN THE AREA OF OPERATION

General information on control methods for this weed can be found in the most recent edition of the annual *Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook* www.dpi.nsw.gov.au or at www.sydneeweeds.org.au Further information on integrated weed management is available in the *Chilean Needle Grass Weed Management Guide* (CRC for Australian Weed Management).

Before commencing any chemical control program contact your local council's weeds officer for advice tailored to your situation.

All herbicide use should 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.

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.

In non-agricultural situations, repeated mowing/slashing prior to seeding is useful for reducing/preventing seed set. For smaller, and mixed grass infestations, strategic mowing/slashing can also be used prior to spot spraying with registered herbicide.

SPECIAL NOTE:

1. After treatment, carefully clean all tools, equipment and machinery, especially slashers and mowers, to prevent spread of the weed to other sites.

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

Sydney Wide Regional Weed Management Plan for Grasses (Draft)
Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)
Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)

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.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

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 Woollahra Council in the area of operation.

Signed by:



Position: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

Dated:

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April 2006