

POLICY TITLE: NOXIOUS WEEDS

EXPIRY DATE: UNLIMITED

OBJECTIVES: To determine procedures to be followed by Council staff in relation to noxious weed control, including the enforcement of the provisions of the noxious Weeds Act.

To determine the assistance, if any, afforded by Council to landholders for noxious weed control in areas not requiring Council's direct involvement eg. Unfenced roadsides.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council shall implement the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.
2. Priority will be given to control of noxious weeds as follows:-
Priority 1 – carry out control of noxious weeds on roadsides;
(a) between fences if fenced both sides.
(b) Across the road formation if not fenced on both sides.
Priority 2 – control noxious weeds on Council managed properties eg. parks, gardens, playgrounds etc.
Priority 3 – assist property owners with education about noxious weeds, and control on their properties.
3. Council will provide education programs which inform property owners and the general community about noxious weeds, and the need to control them, to ensure land productivity is maintained and environmental damage minimised.

Where cooperation of landholders cannot be obtained, the provisions of the Act will be enforced including the issuing of on the spot fines and statutory notices.

4. In areas where chemical sensitive crops are grown (eg grapes) Council will seek the assistance of landowners to control roadside weeds.

Recommendation: that the draft policies for Risk Management, Complaint Management and Noxious Weeds be formally adopted.

08.05.637 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Zaffina that the report recommendation be adopted.

*Adopted by Council – 16th August 2005
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