

Weed management in the Central Tablelands

- Who does what?

Department of Primary Industries – Invasive Species Biosecurity Unit

- Administration of the State Weed Action Program
- Lead the response to state and national priority weed incursions
- Provide guidance to the local control authorities on weed management and compliance
- Conduct operational and administrative audits of local control authorities

Central Tablelands Local Land Services

- Host the Regional Weed Coordinator position
- Administration of the regional Weeds Action Program (managing the local control authority contracts and reporting)
- Executive support and coordination for the Central Tablelands Regional Weed Committee
- Regional projects and educational activities on weeds in our region

Local Control Authorities

- In the Central Tablelands region there are five local control authorities (LCAs):
 - Cabonne Council
 - Cowra Shire Council
 - Orange City Council
 - Mid-Western Regional Council
 - Upper Macquarie County Council – UMCC covers Lithgow City Council, Oberon Council, Blayney Shire Council and Bathurst Regional Council
- Each local control authority has weed officers authorised under the Biosecurity Act to conduct inspections for weeds within their council area
- Each local control authority conducts property inspections in alignment with requirements under the Central Tablelands Weeds Action Program and the regional and/or local control authority weed management plans
- Local control authorities coordinate responses for incursions of regional priority weed species
- Each local control authority provides regulatory and compliance functions under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and *Regulations 2017*

The Biosecurity Act

No more NOXIOUS WEEDS

From 1st July 2017 the NSW Government is replacing the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 with the Biosecurity Act 2015. The term Noxious Weeds is now replaced with State and Regional Priority Weeds under the Biosecurity Act.

Under the Noxious Weeds Act all landowners have a responsibility to control noxious weeds on their property. Under the Biosecurity Act the same responsibility will apply and will be known as a General Biosecurity Duty.

General biosecurity duty

Under the Biosecurity Act 2015 there is a general obligation on people to be aware of their surroundings and take action to prevent the introduction and spread of pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants.

Property owners may fulfil their general biosecurity duty by controlling the movement of weeds on and off their land, by:

- Finding out where products brought onto the property (such as fodder, soil, mulch or gravel) originated and taking steps to manage any risks from it
- Holding newly acquired livestock in a restricted area before releasing them onto the property
- Holding stock in a weed-free area before transporting them off the farm if they had been exposed to weed seed
- Not selling feed, soil, gravel or other products that might contain weed seed

Shared responsibility

The NSW Biosecurity Strategy introduced the principle of shared responsibility. The vision is: 'Government, industry and the people of NSW working together to protect the economy, environment and community from the negative impacts of animal and plant pests, diseases and weeds for the benefit of the people of NSW.'

**Need help with identification or
advice on management of weeds?**



Visit the NSW WeedWise website, download the NSW WeedWise App or contact your local council weed officer at Cabonne Council, Cowra Shire Council, Mid-Western Regional Council, Orange City Council & Upper Macquarie County Council (covers Lithgow City Council, Oberon Council, Blayney Shire Council and Bathurst Regional Council

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