



## **MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CONTROL OF**

### **CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS**

This management plan is published in accordance with Order 19 of the Noxious Weed Act 1993 for the Class 4 declared plants. This plan outlines the legal requirements for the control of **Chilean Needle Grass (*Asystasia gangetica*)** by Landholders- Owner/ Occupier within area of Bourke Shire Council.

#### **General Facts on Chilean Needle Grass**

Chilean Needle Grass is named for its sharp, pointed seeds. It produces seeds in its flowers and in the nodes and bases of the flowering stems. These seeds enable the plant to reproduce despite grazing, slashing and fire. The flowering seed heads are a distinctive purplish colour and the seeds are very sharp at the point. The leaves are 1- 5mm wide, flat and strongly ribbed on their upper surface.

In the **Area** of Bourke Shire Council, Chilean Needle Grass is gazetted as a Class 4 noxious weed under Schedule 4 of Weed Control Order 19 (Order 19) made pursuant to section 7 and 8 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* (the Act) as amended in 2005.

Class 4 noxious weeds are plants that pose a threat to primary production, the environment or human health, are widely distributed in an area to which the order applies and are likely to spread in the area or to another area.

Order 19 also provides that the growth and spread of this plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the Local Control Authority (LCA).

To comply with Order 19, Chilean Needle Grass must be managed in such a way as to minimise the negative impact of the weed on the economy, community or the environment of NSW.

### **Section 12 obligations under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993**

An occupier (other than a public authority or a local control authority) of the land to which a weed control order applies must control noxious weeds on the land as required under the order.

**TIMEFRAME OF PLAN:** This plan will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 and run until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. This plan is to be reviewed in March 2016. Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this plan.

### **CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Owner/ occupiers may use either or both of the following control methods:

**Chemical:** effective treatment with herbicide registered for the control of Chilean Needle Grass, in the manner specified on the product label. Chemical applications alone will not control Chilean Needle Grass.

**Mechanical:** the whole plant must be removed.

### **CONTACT DETAILS / MORE INFORMATION:**

Contact Council's Weeds Officer, during normal business hours on 68/308000

**Links to other plans:** REGIONAL CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

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