



MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CONTROL OF

SERRATED TUSSOCK

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 **Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*)** by Landholders- Owner/ Occupier within area of Bourke Shire Council.

General Facts on Serrated Tussock

Serrated Tussock is a perennial tussock- forming grass to 50cm high and 25cm diameter at the base. The plant is eaten by stock if nothing else is available, and can result in a loss of condition of the animals and possible death. It can also result in a lower wool quality.

Serrated Tussock has very long stems which droop at maturity, bearing flowers and seeds. There are numerous leaves emerging from the base of the plant, tightly rolled giving an almost cylindrical cross- section. There are up to 100,000 seeds per plant, about 2mm long and enclosed in reddish- brown bracts, each with a tuft of white silky hairs at the base.

When the seeds are ripe, the heads droop over and touch the ground. The plants have a distinct purple appearance when flowering and are a golden colour when seeds are ripening.

In the **Area** of Bourke Shire Council, Serrated Tussock is gazetted as a Class 4 noxious weed under Section 4 of the 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 spread in the 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, Serrated Tussock must be managed in such a way as to minimise the negative impact on the economy, community or the environment.

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 1st July 2011 and run until the 30th 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 a herbicide registered for the control of Serrated Tussock, in the manner specified on the product label.

Mechanical: chipping effectively controls isolated plants, providing that the base of the tussock is completely removed.

CONTACT DETAILS / MORE INFORMATION:

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

Links to other plans: REGIONAL SERRATED TUSOCK MANAGEMENT PLAN

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