



MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CONTROL OF

SPINY BURRGRASS

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 **Spiny Burrgrass (*Cenchrus incertus*, *C. longispinus*)** by Landholders- Owner/ Occupier within area of Bourke Shire Council.

General Facts on Spiny Burrgrass

Spiny Burrgrass is an annual grass to 80cm high with several flowering stems produced from a bent or prostrate base.

The leaves are smooth, flat and 3- 8mm wide with the margins being finely serrated.

Flowering occurs during spring and summer.

Each plant can produce more than 5,000 burrs, with 1- 3 seeds per burr.

In the **Area** of Bourke Shire Council, Spiny Burrgrass 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, Spiny Burrgrass must be managed in such a way as to minimise the negative impact on the economy, community and 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 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

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

Chemical: effective treatment with a herbicide registered for the control of Spiny Burrgrass, in the manner specified on the product label. Best carried out when the plant is actively growing and before seed set.

Mechanical: burning checks the growth of Spiny Burrgrass and destroys the seed on the plant, however, it can have more of a detrimental effect on the associated pasture than on the Spiny Burrgrass.

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