



WEED CONTROL CLASS 4 MANAGEMENT PLAN

The control objective for weed control class 4 is to minimise the negative impact of those plants on the economy, community or environment of NSW.

NAME OF WEED: Bitou Bush

Common name: Bitou Bush

Scientific name: *Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp rotundata*

The above mentioned weed is a noxious weed declared under section 7 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.

AREA OF OPERATION & PHONE NUMBERS FOR LOCAL CONTROL AUTHORITIES:

Sutherland

9710 0333

PLAN PERIOD

Starting date: 1 March 2006

Completion date: 28 February 2011
(Unless otherwise revoked)

CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE WEED AS PER ORDER 19

Class 4: "The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the local control authority."

The above local control authorities specify the following measures to control this weed:

For small infestations on privately owned land, all plants must be removed/destroyed.

Light and medium infestations must be targeted for complete control, and heavy (monoculture) infestations must be contained, prevented from spreading and have appropriate biological controls applied.

Alternatively, A weed management plan for the site must be completed by the landholder and approved by the Local Control Authority.

CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS WEED IN THE AREA OF OPERATION

General information on control methods for this weed can be found in the most recent edition of the annual *Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook* www.dpi.nsw.gov.au or at www.sydneyweeds.org.au

More extensive control options for Bitou Bush are detailed in the *Best Practice Management Guide 3-Bitou Bush* published by the Cooperative Research Centre for Weed Management Systems (Weeds CRC).

Before commencing any chemical control program contact your local council's weeds officer for advice tailored to your situation.

All herbicide use should be undertaken with a registered herbicide as specified on the herbicide product label or relevant off-label permit published by the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority.

Manual Control

Slash or cut and paint mature plants. Hand remove seedlings and young plants ensuring removal of entire root system. Plants are liable to re-sprout after slashing alone but applying herbicide to stems immediately after cutting should prevent regrowth.

Herbicide Control

Spray plants with a registered herbicide. Plants can be treated year round but best results will be obtained in winter when the plant is actively growing.

Biological control

Release one or more biological agents to affect the growth and seed setting ability of bitou bush. Agents must be applied as directed by the supplier to heavy infestations whenever available.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. Herbicides can be applied by air in accordance with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority off label permits PER5786, 6387, 8310 and 8468.
2. Biological agents should be seen as an interim measure to suppress seed production and plant vigour and their use alone does not constitute acceptable control of Bitou bush infestations. Also, the presence of biological agents on Bitou bush is not an acceptable excuse for failing to undertake control of light or medium infestations.
3. Follow-up control after initial treatment is important to control regrowth and seedling germination in the long term.

LINKAGES TO OTHER PLANS, STRATEGIES (Local, Regional, State and National):

Sydney Bitou Bush / Boneseed Regional Management Plan
Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)
Weeds of National Significance. Bitou and Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *rotundata*) (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *monilifera*) Strategic Plan
NSW Bitou Bush strategy
NSW Bitou Threat Abatement Plan

SECTION 12 OBLIGATIONS (from the Noxious Weeds Act 1993)**Private occupiers of land must control noxious weeds on land.**

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

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

Note: If an occupier fails to comply with obligations under a weed control order, those obligations may be enforced against the owner of the land as well as the occupier by a weed control notice issued under section 18.

PLAN ENDORSEMENT

This plan is endorsed by each Local Control Authority in the area of operation.

Signed by:

Position:

Or, ratified at the meeting of Sutherland Shire Council, dated 26 June 2006

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