Sydney Central Regional Weeds Committee
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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: Serrated Tussock

Common name: Serrated Tussock **Scientific name:** *Nassella trichotoma*

The above mentioned weed(s) 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 (not to exceed weed control order)

Starting date: 1 March 2006 **Completion date:** 28 February 2011
(Unless otherwise revoked)

CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE WEED(S) 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 and the plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed".

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

Small infestations (single plants up to 20m^2) must be totally eradicated.

Medium infestations (20m^2 to 500m^2) must be prevented from seeding and the size of the infestation reduced by 50% per year.

Large infestations must be prevented from seeding and have a weed management plan for the site 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
Further information on integrated weed management is available in the *Serrated Tussock Weed Management Guide* (CRC for Australian Weed Management).
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.

For small infestations, chip isolated plants. All roots must be removed or the plant will regenerate. In wet conditions remove soil from the roots. (Do not chip out large patches of Serrated Tussock where a seedbank has built up because any soil disturbance will cause germination of seeds).

Herbicide Control.
For larger infestations, spray with a registered herbicide.

Integrated Management.
In agricultural situations, Serrated Tussock can be successfully controlled with a program of cultivation, cropping and pasture improvement. In native grasslands, revegetation with indigenous species is needed to prevent reinfestation. Large infestations may need to be contained using a combination of available methods.

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

Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)
Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)
Draft Sydney-wide Grasses Management Plan
Weeds of National Significance. Serrated Tussock (Nassella trichotoma) Strategic 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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