

Biosecurity Weeds Policy

Scope

Weed biosecurity is a shared responsibility that supports a community approach to local weed management. As a Local Control Authority, City of Ryde plays a role in weed management including enforcement of the Biosecurity Act 2015 with respect to weeds. City of Ryde recognises that prevention and early detection is the most strategic form of weed management ensuring efficient use of resources and avoiding unsustainable weed control. This policy covers all lands within the City of Ryde LGA.

Purpose

To ensure compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 in relation to weeds, to protect our natural environment, economy and community, utilising a risk based approach with a focus on prevention, early detection, eradication, containment and asset protection of identified priority weeds.

Guidelines / Procedures

Working collaboratively with other Council's and agencies across Greater Sydney, City of Ryde will implement the Greater Sydney Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022. In line with the concepts of shared responsibility and a tenure neutral approach Council will raise awareness in the local community of the impacts priority weeds have on the local environment. A Local Priority Weeds Management Plan has been developed to provide further detail for the local area.

City of Ryde will focus weed management along identified significant assets, high risk pathways and high risk sites targeting priority weeds. Compliance with the legislation will be achieved through community education, along with regulatory and non-regulatory inspections aimed at preventing, eliminating and minimising biosecurity risks posed by priority weeds.

References and Legislation

- *Biosecurity Act 2015*
- *Biosecurity Regulations 2017*
- Greater Sydney Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022
- Local Priority Weed Management Plan 2019-2024

Review Process and Endorsement

This Policy should be reviewed every 5 years and endorsed by Council

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