

Rapid Response Plan



WAP 2.2.1

NSW Invasive Species Plan. Goal 2: Eradicate or Contain	
Eliminate, or prevent the spread of new invasive species	2.2 Develop rapid response plans
Regional Weed Strategy. Aim: Preventative Weed Management	
No new weeds naturalised over the life of the RWS	1.1.4 Develop a rapid response program for new incursions in the region

The purpose of the rapid response plan is to ensure a consistent approach to the management of new incursions of High Risk species throughout the Riverina. When a new incursion is found, this plan outlines specific procedures (Figure 1) and recommended actions (Table 1) to be undertaken upon finding a new incursion of a Category A or B weed. Only those weeds already declared noxious are bound by legal obligations.

Incursion	“An isolated population of an invasive species detected in an area where it has not been previously established.”
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As defined in the NSW Invasive Species Plan 2008-2015

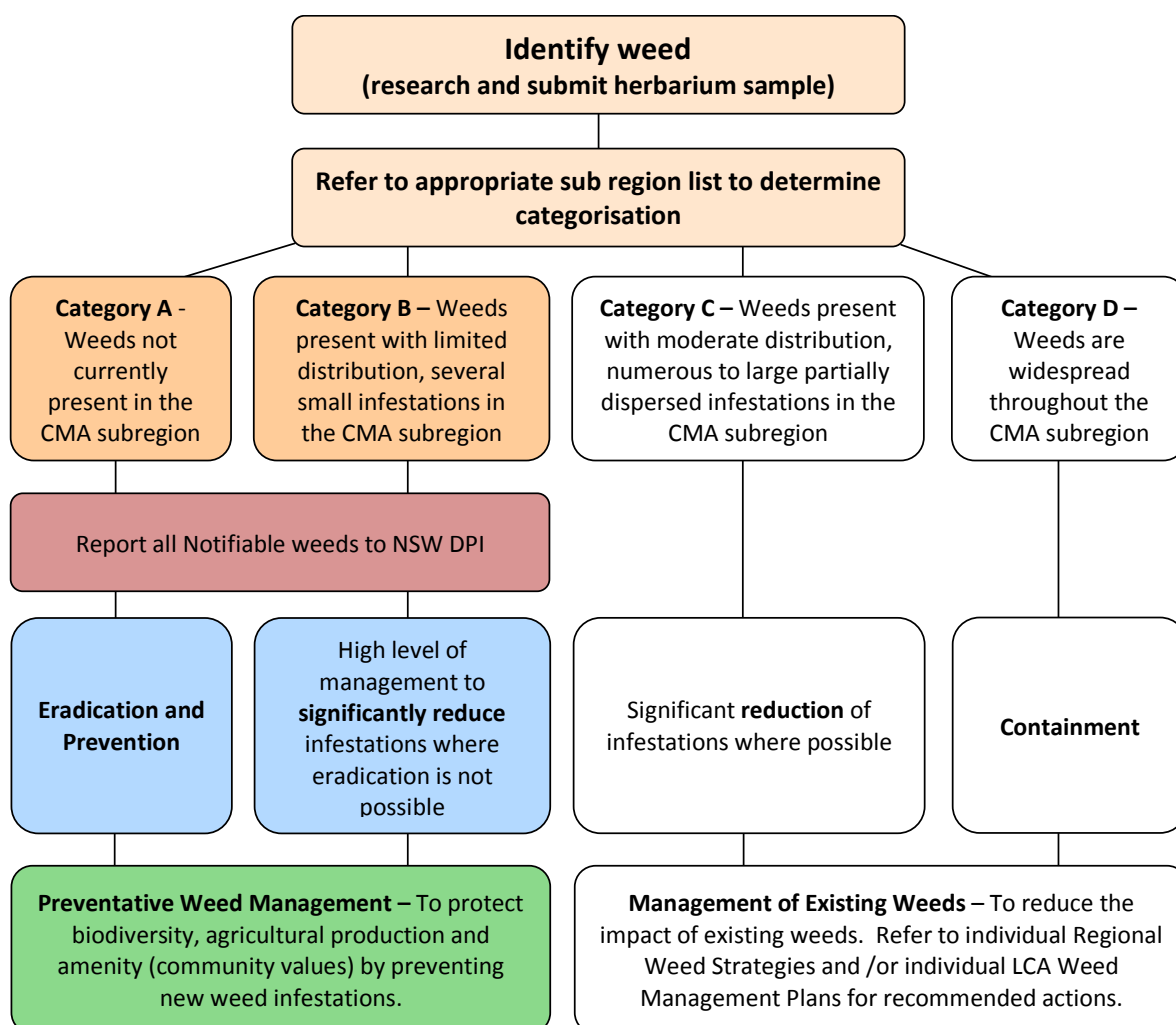


Figure 1 - Flowchart for coordinated rapid response according to weed categorisation

Table 1 - Weed categories requiring Rapid Response, recommended actions and desired outcome

Category A – Weeds not currently present in a CMA sub region	
Quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine the area and remove infestations/plants (where possible) within 7 days (species dependant)
Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a spot field day with surrounding neighbours upon identification/finding
Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report notifiable weeds (Class 1, 2 or 5) to NSW DPI Weeds Hotline 1800 680 244 or email form to weeds@industry.nsw.gov.au
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widespread publicity using mass media: become proactive with established groups and increase awareness of the key features of these weeds during property inspections (LCAs)
Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record all details of outbreak including photos and any other relevant information
Map + surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map infestation and survey surrounding area to determine possible sources of infestation
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for re-emergence, treat as needed, update records
Desired outcome	Eradication and prevention
Category B – Weeds present with limited distribution, several small infestations in a CMA sub-region	
Isolate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove and/or isolate infestations using best management practices
Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report notifiable weeds (Class 1, 2 or 5) to NSW DPI Weeds Hotline 1800 680 244 or email form to weeds@industry.nsw.gov.au
Publicity Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise media (newsletters, existing networks) to raise awareness Hold field days to focus on the distribution of the weed
Raise Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become proactive with established groups. Fact sheets to be made available stating what needs to be done and why it is needed. Increase awareness of the key features of these weeds during property inspections (LCAs)
Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record all details of outbreak including photos
Map + surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map infestation and survey surrounding area to determine possible sources of infestation
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for re-emergence, treat as needed, update records
Desired outcome	High level of management to significantly reduce infestations where eradication is not possible

Refer to High Risk Species WAP 1.2.1 for complete list of High Risk Species in the Riverina.

Linkages

- High Risk Pathways WAP 1.1.1
- High Risk Pathways Management Plan WAP 1.1.2
- High Risk Species WAP 1.2.1
- New Incursion Plan - High Risk Species WAP 1.2.2
- Riverina Inspection Policy WAP 1.2.3
- Notifiable Weed Reporting Form NSW DPI (extranet)
- NSW Invasive Species Plan
- Murray RWS
- Murrumbidgee RWS
- Lower Murray Darling RWS
- Lachlan RWS

<http://extranet.dpi.nsw.gov.au/weeds/permit-report/report/notifiable-reports>