

NSW Invasive Species Plan. Goal 1: Exclude	
Prevent the establishment of new invasive species	1.2 Develop and implement early detection capabilities

Regional Weed Strategy. Aim: Preventative Weed Management	
No new weeds naturalised over the life of the RWS	1.1.8 Implement a targeted inspection program on private properties and roadsides

This policy sets out Council’s noxious weeds inspection program. The inspection program aims to detect new and emerging weeds before they become established in the region. Early detection and rapid response offer the most strategic and cost effective form of weed management. Consistency in the inspection policy across the region is critical for effective weed management.

### 1. Background

Council has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Riverina (Lower Murray-Darling, Lachlan, Murray & Murrumbidgee Catchments) WAP. All Councils have signed a MoU that sets out the principles that the parties wish to adopt in undertaking the Riverina WAP. This includes the development of regional weed management programs and associated documents and the implementation of these programs and other associated projects undertaken individually or in collaboration by the councils.

### 2. Associated Legislation

Noxious Weeds Act 1993

### 3. Policy

#### 3.1. Inspections of properties

- 3.1.1. Council weed inspector(s) will ensure residential and rural properties within the council area are inspected for weeds as per their individual LCA inspection policy. Council to supply Riverina Noxious Weeds Project Officer with policy.
- 3.1.2. The target number of property inspections (including businesses and council managed lands) per year are set out in Councils activity spreadsheet as submitted for the Riverina WAP under the Weeds Action Program (WAP).
- 3.1.3. Council will make every effort to reach these targets each year.

#### 3.2. Inspections of High Risk sites & High Risk pathways

- 3.2.1. Council weed inspector(s) will ensure the target number of High Risk site and High Risk pathway inspections are met as per the Riverina WAP submission. Refer to High Risk Pathways WAP 1.1.1 for a complete list of High Risk sites and High Risk pathways.

### **3.3. New incursions**

**3.3.1.** Upon finding a new incursion – the Rapid Response Plan WAP 2.2.1 will be implemented.

#### **4. Linkages**

- High Risk Pathways WAP 1.1.1
- High Risk Pathways Management Plan WAP 1.1.2
- High Risk Species WAP 1.2.1
- High Risk Species Incursion Plan WAP 1.2.2
- Rapid Response Plan WAP 2.2.1
- Riverina (Lower Murray-Darling, Lachlan, Murray & Murrumbidgee Catchments) WAP
- Memorandum of Understanding dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 between Greater Hume Shire and all Riverina LCAs, LHPAs & RWACs.
- NSW Invasive Species Plan
- Murray RWS
- Murrumbidgee RWS
- Lower Murray Darling RWS
- Lachlan RWS

#### **5. Endorsement/recommendation**

**That council adopt this regional inspection policy**