

Rapid Response Plan

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 priority weeds throughout the Riverina region. When a new incursion is found, this plan outlines specific procedures (Figure 1) and recommended actions to be undertaken upon finding a new incursion of a priority weed ('alert', 'eradication' & 'destroy infestations').

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

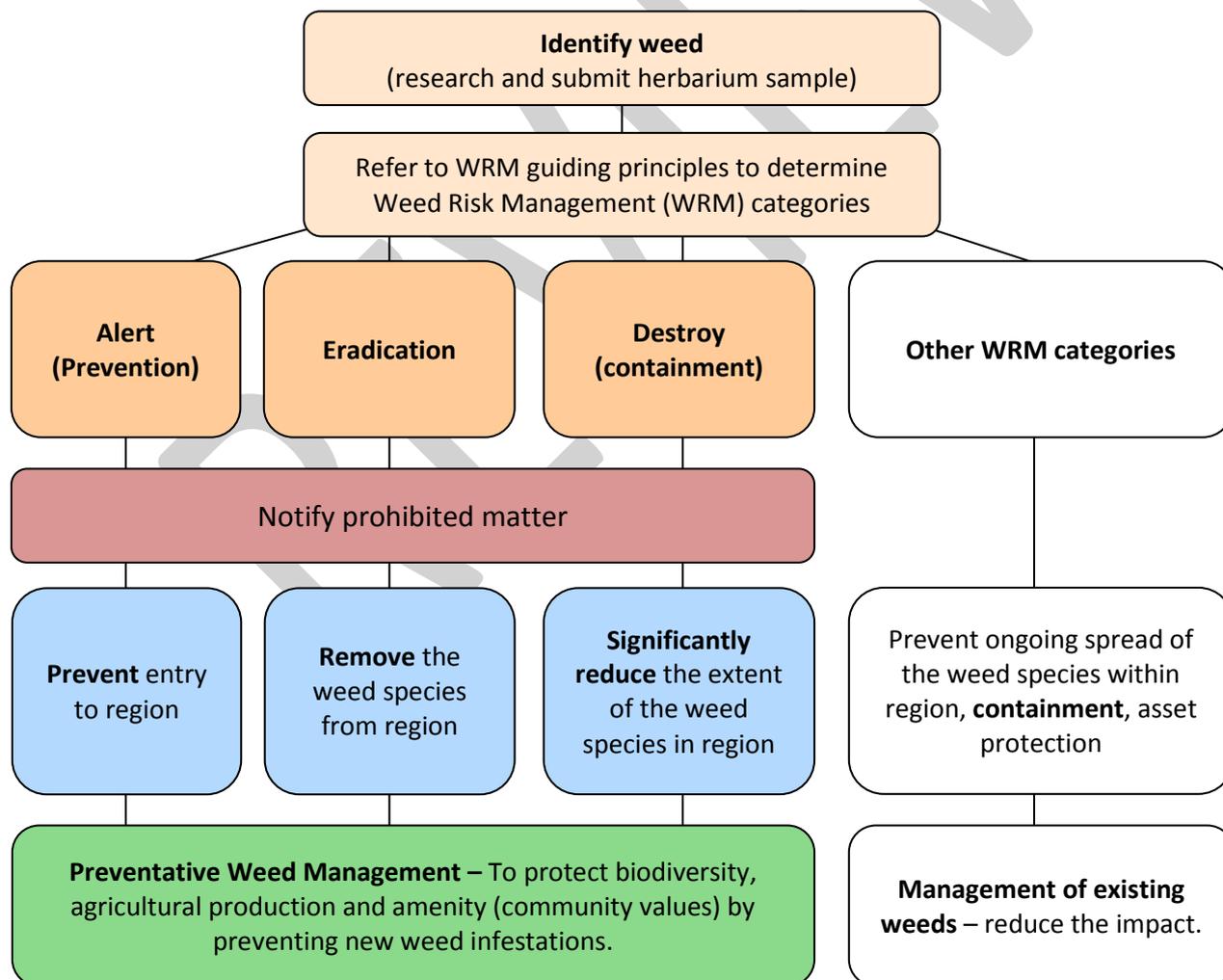


Figure 1 - Flowchart for coordinated rapid response according to WRM categories

Weed Risk Management categories requiring Rapid Response and recommended actions:

Alert (Prevention):		Weeds not known to be present in the Riverina region and pose a significant biosecurity risk
Quarantine		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement quarantine and hygiene protocols. • Eradicate plant from the land and keep the land free of the plant.
Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plant or parts of the plant should not be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.
Surveillance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake high risk site and pathway surveillance to identify potential introduction areas and preventative options.
Awareness		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate training and awareness activities for the community to enable early detection. Utilise media (existing networks) to raise awareness.
Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify prohibited matter to an authorised officer and through the Biosecurity Information System (BIS).
Record		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record details of outbreak (photos). LCAs inform RWCC of New Incursions.
Monitoring		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor for re-emergence, treat as needed, update records.
Desired outcome:		Weed species prevented from arriving and establishing in the region

Eradication:		Weeds present in the Riverina region in limited distribution
Hygiene		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement site specific biosecurity and hygiene protocols. • Eradicate plant from the land and keep the land free of the plant.
Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plant or parts of the plant should not be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment. • Implement high risk pathway and sites management plan.
Surveillance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake detailed surveillance and mapping to locate all infestations.
Awareness		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of the key features of these weeds during property inspections (LCAs). Hold field days & utilise media to raise awareness.
Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify prohibited matter to an authorised officer and through the Biosecurity Information System (BIS).
Record		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record details of outbreak (photos). LCAs inform RWCC of New Incursions.
Monitoring		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor progress towards eradication.
Desired outcome:		High level of management to significantly reduce infestations where eradication is not possible

Destroy (containment):		Weeds present in the Riverina region with a scattered distribution
Hygiene		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement site specific biosecurity and hygiene protocols. • Destruction of all infestations where feasible.
Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement high risk sites and pathways management plan. • The plant or parts of the plant should not be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.
Surveillance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake detailed surveillance and mapping to locate all infestations.
Awareness		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of these weeds during property inspections (LCAs).
Monitoring		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor change in the current distribution.
Desired outcome:		To contain and significantly reduce the extent of the weed species in the region

Refer to High Risk Species WAP 1.2.1 for a complete list of priority weeds in the Riverina region.