

Policy 3.04 Biosecurity and Weed Management

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1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Scope

Weed management is an essential biosecurity activity on all land within the Bega Valley Shire. Council is directly responsible for weed management and weed control on all roadside areas, public reserves, Council owned lands, and land under Council control. Council is also required under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* to ensure that private and Crown landholders are taking reasonable and effective measures to manage biosecurity risk associated with weeds.

1.1.2 Purpose

Effectively manage biosecurity risk associated with weeds on all land tenure.

1.2 Definitions

Nil

1.3 Legislation

Biosecurity Act 2015

1.4 Implementation

1.4.1 Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will systematically address biosecurity risk associated with weed management by:

- Developing and implementing programs to actively control and regulate weeds on public lands including high risk pathways and sites.
- Ensuring landowners and occupiers manage the biosecurity risk posed by weeds in accordance with the requirements of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and that management actions are undertaken in an environmentally responsible manner especially in or near waterways.
- Ensuring weed management is an integral part of the establishment and maintenance of Council assets and facilities.
- Providing education and awareness programs to encourage landholders and occupiers to better manage biosecurity risk caused by weeds and to increase awareness of the general biosecurity duty required by the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

1.4.2 Responsibilities

1.4.2.1 Elected Council

Ensure a biosecurity and weed management policy is in place.

1.4.2.2 Biosecurity and Invasive Species Coordinator

Ensure biosecurity and weed management activities are undertaken in accordance with this policy.

1.5 Supporting documents

1.5.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
	There are no procedures sitting under this policy	

1.5.2 BVSC policies that relate to this policy

Policy No.:	Policy Name
3.02	Environment Management
3.06	Pesticide Use
4.03	Public Regulation
4.05	Enforcement and Compliance

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