

POLICY NAME	Noxious Weeds Policy
COUNCIL ADOPTION	4 April 1995. Amended 9 May 2007.
REF	Minute No. PK.29/95.
RELEVANT LEGISLATION	Noxious Weeds Act 1993

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Title and Commencement

This policy is titled Noxious Weed Policy. This policy was adopted by Council on 4 April 1995 and was last amended on 9 May 2007 (minor administrative references).

1.2 Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of the policy is to outline how Council manages identification and notification of noxious weeds in Strathfield Municipality.

1.3 Objectives and Coverage of the Policy

- To effectively control or eradicate noxious weeds on public and private land.
- To establish ongoing education programs for residents to ensure noxious weeds are controlled or eradicated on private land.
- To see no increase in the number of weed species on public land.

2.0 Policy Statement

Council is recognised as a local control authority, under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993, is responsible for the control or eradication of those weeds declared noxious by the NSW Government.

As a local control authority Council's responsibilities include:

- the inspection of properties
- assistance with weed identification
- provision of advice on weed eradication or control measures
- notification of the presence and dangers of noxious weeds on both private and public lands.

That Council adopt the following as its policy regarding noxious plants:

- That Council, in accordance with the Noxious Weeds Act 1993, control or eradicate on notification or detection, noxious weeds in areas under their control.
- That Council provide an advisory service to residents on the identification and control or eradication of noxious weeds on private land.
- That noxious weed inspection is carried out simultaneously with Tree Preservation Order, development application and building application inspections.
- That Council, upon recommendation from the Environmental Services Section, determine whether any other plant, not formally declared noxious, should also be controlled or eradicated in the Municipality.