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## ***Rapid Response Plan for Councils and LHPAs***

A rapid response plan helps achieve successful control of new weeds. It outlines specific procedures such as immediate on-ground control techniques and long-term follow-up actions including education and awareness campaigns. This plan can also be adapted and used by landholders as it sets out the basic steps for long term management of weed incursions.

When a new weed is found,

- Confirm the weed's identification and report to Industry and Investment NSW if it is a declared 'notifiable' weed (Class 1, 2 or 5, as declared under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993),
- Record all details of outbreak including maps, photos and any other relevant information,
- Treat outbreak as necessary, in reference to recommended control techniques/herbicides,
- Inform surrounding Local Control Authorities/Livestock Health and Pest Authorities of outbreak,
- Inform surrounding landholders and other relevant community groups of outbreak as part of community awareness and education program,
- Ensure monitoring and follow-up treatment takes place under a plan of action,
- Maintain records of outbreak and status of control program.