



Regional Inspection Program for Lachlan Regional Weed Management Project

Lachlan Regional Weed Management Project (LRWMP) participating partners are committed to undertaking inspections for weeds across all Council areas to ensure weed spread is minimised. The regional inspection program targets high risk pathways and sites of spread, as well as ensuring Council responsibilities under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 are fulfilled.

Regional Pathway Inspections

Pathway	Total kilometres in region	Inspections (kilometres)				
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Roadsides	14,194.05	17,860	17,860	17,860	17,860	17,860
Rail corridors	917	427	427	427	427	427
Water courses	7,602.22	337	337	337	337	337

Other identified pathways of spread include telephone, gas and power lines or any other network that has regular movement of machinery or activity along it. These additional pathways will be monitored as required as regular inspections are not necessary.

Regional Site Inspections

Site	Total number of sites in region	Inspections (number of sites)				
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Private properties	27,080	1050	1080	1080	1080	1080
Nurseries	13	16	16	16	16	16
Petshop/Aquarium suppliers	5	6	6	6	6	6
Travelling Stock Reserves	349	98	98	98	98	98
Saleyards	8	12	12	12	12	12
Council reserves/land	62	62	62	62	62	62
State government land (eg vacant crown land)	67	67	77	77	77	77
Other	1,828	41	40	40	40	40

Property inspections are sometimes further categorised as urban, rural and rural residential. However, they are considered as one category for the purpose of this program.

Other identified high risk sites include landscape/gravel/soil suppliers, water bodies or wetland systems, boat ramps, bridge crossings or other public access points to water courses, or any other site designated as high risk by a LRWMP participating partner.

Inspection Policy

All Local Control Authorities participating in LRWMP have an inspection policy in place detailing priorities for inspections and how often private properties will be inspected (see template in appendix 1 and see appendix 2 for examples).

Local Control Authority	Number of weed inspectors employed
Bland Shire Council	3
Cowra Shire Council	2
Forbes Shire Council	2
Lachlan Shire Council	5
Parkes Shire Council	2
Weddin Shire Council	1
TOTAL	11
Average number of hectares per inspector	3,67554.54

Local Control Authority	Number of properties inspected each year	Percentage of total
Bland Shire Council	200	4.66 %
Cowra Shire Council	300	4.60 %
Forbes Shire Council	120	2.36 %
Lachlan Shire Council	140	3.38 %
Parkes Shire Council	100	1.87 %
Weddin Shire Council	220	13.03 %

Total number of properties inspected each year in LRWMP region:	1080
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Percentage of total properties in LRWMP region inspected each year:	3.99 %
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Appendix 1. Council Weeds Inspection Program Policy - template

1. Overview

This policy sets out Councils noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Council has demonstrated it's commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Lachlan Regional Weed Management Project (LRWMP).

3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Council will employ at least **1 (one)** appropriately qualified weeds inspector at all times, or make every effort to ensure the position is filled as soon as possible after becoming vacant.

3.2 Property inspections

Council weed inspector(s) will ensure every residential and rural property within the Council area is inspected for weeds at least **once** during a **3 (three)** year period.

The target number of inspections of properties, as well as businesses and Council managed lands, per year are set out in Council's submission to LRWMP under the Weeds Action Program (WAP). Council will make every effort to reach these targets each year.

3.3 High risk sites & pathways of weed spread

Council will ensure inspections of high risk sites and pathways are carried out and the targets set out in the LRWMP submission are met. High risk sites and pathways include but are not limited to:

Pathways		Sites
Roads	State highways	Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR)
	State roads	Nurseries
	Regional roads	Landscape/gravel suppliers
	Local sealed roads	Lakes/reservoirs/dams
	Local unsealed roads	Wetland/marsh areas
Water Courses	Rivers	Bridge crossings
	Creeks	Boat ramps
	Irrigation channels	Public parks adjacent to water bodies/courses
Infrastructure Lines	Railway corridors	Pet shops, aquarium suppliers
	Telephone lines	Saleyards
	Gas lines	Airports
	Power lines	Other

4. Related Documents

- Lachlan Regional Weed Management Project submission
- Lachlan Regional Weed Strategy
- NSW Invasive Species Plan

Appendix 2. Council Weeds Inspection Program Policies



1. Overview

This policy sets out Council's noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

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3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Council will employ at least 1 (one) appropriately qualified weeds inspector at all times, or make every effort to ensure the position is filled as soon as possible after becoming vacant.

3.2 Property inspections

Council weed inspector(s) will ensure every residential and rural property within the Council area is inspected for weeds at least once during a 10 (ten) year period.

The target number of inspections of properties, as well as businesses and Council managed lands, per year are set out in Council's submission to LRWMP under the Weeds Action Program (WAP). Council will make every effort to reach these targets each year.

3.3 High risk sites & pathways of weed spread

Council will ensure inspections of high risk sites and pathways are carried out and the targets set out in the LRWMP submission are met. High risk sites and pathways include but are not limited to:

Pathways		Sites
Roads	State highways	Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR)
	State roads	Nurseries
	Regional roads	Landscape/gravel suppliers
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WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY FOR WEEDS INSPECTION PROGRAMME

1. **Title:** Policy for Weeds Inspection Programme

2. **Number:** Policy Number

3. **Purpose**

The purpose of the Weeds Inspection Programme Policy is to achieve inspectorial targets for Lachlan Valley Regional Weed Management Project by being a participating partner of Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee

4. **Application**

Employees dealing with weeds must comply with this policy in their conduct of official business for Council.

5. **Associated legislation and Other References**

- Noxious Weeds Act 1993 No 11
- Local Government Act 1993
- Lachlan/Macquarie Valley Regional Weed Strategy
- NSW Invasive Species Plan

6. **Definitions**

- Noxious Weed: A plant that has been recognised as having an adverse effect on Human health, agriculture and the environment
- TSR: Travelling Stock Reserve. Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) are parcels of Crown land reserved under legislation for use by travelling stock.

7. **Policy**

7.1 **Employment of Inspectors**

Council will employ at least one (1) appropriately qualified weed inspector at all times, or make every effort to ensure the position is filled as soon as possible after becoming vacant.

7.2 **Property Inspections**

Council weed inspector(s) will ensure every residential and rural property within the Council area is inspected for weeds at least once (1) during five year period (01.07.2010-30.06.2015)

The target number of inspections of properties, as well as businesses and Council managed lands, per year are set out in Council's submission to the Lachlan Regional Weed Management Project under the Weeds Action Program. Council will make every effort to reach these targets each year.

7.3 **High Risk Sites & Path Ways of Weed Spread**

Council will ensure inspections of high risk sites and pathways are carried out and the targets set in the Council's submission to the Lachlan Regional Weed Management Project under the Weeds Action Program are met. High risks and pathways included but are not limited to:

Pathways		Sites
Roads (Road Sides)	State Highways Regional Roads Residential Streets Collector Roads Local sealed roads Local unsealed roads Local formed roads	Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) Nurseries Landscapes/gravel suppliers Dams Wetland/marsh areas Bridge Crossings Public parks adjacent to water bodies/courses
Water Courses	Creeks	Saleyards
Infrastructure Lines	Railway Corridors Telephone lines Power lines	Others

8. **Responsibilities**

8.1 General Manager

- Ensures that Council complies with the requirements of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 and the standards and requirements issued under the Act
- Ensures that Council complies with other legislation relating to weeds inspections

8.2 Director Engineering

- Ensures that the Weeds inspection Programme is adequately resourced
- Represents Weeds Inspection interests on the Executive
- Has ownership of the Weeds inspection Programme Policy
- Reports to the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee on the Weeds inspection Program

8.3 Weeds Inspector

- Compiles Weeds Inspection Programme Policy and standards in relation to all aspects of weeds inspections
- Monitors compliance with the Weeds Inspections Programme Policy, procedures and standards across Council and makes recommendations for improvement or modification of practices
- Has responsibility for the conduct of weeds inspections.

9. Review and Amendment

- This policy shall be reviewed in July 2015 to ensure it meets all statutory requirements and the needs of Council.
- This policy may be amended or cancelled by Council at any time without prior notice or obligation to any employee.

10. Adoption

- This policy commences as from the date of adoption by Council, being **date.**