



Regional Inspection Program for Macquarie Invasive Species Project

Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP) 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	34,649	45,921	48,121	48,121	48,121	48,121
Rail corridors	2,665	2,001	2,031	2,031	2,031	2,031
Water courses	33,082	6,096	3,326	6,096	3,326	6,096

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	106,011	5,525	5,825	5,875	5,875	5,875
Nurseries	42	38	38	38	38	38
Petshop/Aquarium suppliers	11	11	11	11	11	11
Travelling Stock Reserves	1,964	790	810	810	810	810
Saleyards	20	22	22	22	22	22
Council reserves/land	298	298	308	308	308	308
State government land (eg vacant crown land)	193	193	206	206	206	206
Other	27	42	42	42	42	42

Private 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 MISP participating partner.

Inspection Policy

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

Local Control Authority	Number of weed inspectors employed
Bogan Shire Council	0.5
Bourke Shire Council	1
Brewarrina Shire Council	1
Broken Hill City Council	0
Cabonne Council	4
Cobar Shire Council	1
Dubbo City Council	1.5
Mid Western Regional Council	5
Narromine Shire Council	3
Orange City Council	3
Wellington Council	2
Castlereagh Macquarie County Council	14
Unincorporated area – Western Lands	1
TOTAL	37
Average number of hectares per inspector	840386.11

Local Control Authority	Number of properties inspected each year	Percentage of total
Bogan Shire Council	270	15.69 %
Bourke Shire Council	141	6.76 %
Brewarrina Shire Council	119	11.82 %
Broken Hill City Council	-	0 %
Cabonne Council	300	7.52 %
Cobar Shire Council	125	4.44 %
Dubbo City Council	320	2.13 %
Mid Western Regional Council	650	4.60 %
Narromine Shire Council	150	4.83 %
Orange City Council	400	2.61 %
Wellington Council	300	6.31 %
Castlereagh Macquarie County Council	3100	9.84 %
Unincorporated area – Western Lands	20	7.57 %

Total number of properties inspected each year in MISP region:	5895
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Percentage of total properties in MISP region inspected each year:	5.56 %
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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 Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

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 MISP 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 MISP 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

- Macquarie Invasive Species Project submission
- Macquarie Valley Regional Weed Strategy
- NSW Invasive Species Plan

Appendix 2. Council Weeds Inspection Program Policies

Bogan Shire Council Weeds Inspection Program Policy

1. Overview

This policy sets out Bogan Shire Council's noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Bogan Shire Council has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Bogan Shire 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

Bogan Shire Council's Weed inspector 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 MISP 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

Bogan Shire will ensure inspections of high risk sites and pathways are carried out and the targets set out in the MISP 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
	Power Lines	Saleyards
		Airports
		Other

4. Related Documents

- Macquarie Invasive Species Project submission- MISP
- Macquarie Valley Regional Weed Strategy- MVRWS
- NSW Invasive Species Plan- ISP
- Weeds Action Program- WAP

Bourke Shire Council Weeds Inspection Program Policy

1. Overview

This policy sets out Bourke Shire Councils noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Bourke Shire Council has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Bourke Shire 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

Bourke Shire Council weed inspector 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 MISP 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

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

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

4. Related Documents

- Macquarie Invasive Species Project submission- MISP
- Macquarie Valley Regional Weed Strategy- MVRWS
- NSW Invasive Species Plan- ISP
- Weeds Action Program- WAP

Brewarrina Shire Council Weeds Inspection Program Policy

1. Overview

This policy sets out Brewarrina Shire Councils noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Brewarrina Shire Council has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Brewarrina Shire 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

Brewarrina Shire Council weed inspector 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 MISP 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

Brewarrina Shire Council will ensure inspections of high risk sites and pathways are carried out and the targets set out in the MISP 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

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- Macquarie Valley Regional Weed Strategy- MVRWS
- NSW Invasive Species Plan- ISP
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COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



WEEDS INSPECTION PROGRAM POLICY



1. Overview

This policy sets out Council's noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Council has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

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 MISP 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 MISP 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
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	Power lines	Other

4. Related Documents

- Macquarie Invasive Species Project submission
- Macquarie Valley Regional Weed Strategy
- NSW Invasive Species Plan

Dubbo City Council Weeds Inspection Program Policy

1. Overview

This policy sets out Dubbo City Councils noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Dubbo City Council has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Dubbo City Council will employ at least 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

Dubbo City Council weed inspector(s) will ensure 1500 residential and rural properties within the Council area are inspected for weeds during a 5 year period.

Dubbo City Council will also ensure 425 Council owned/controlled lands will also be inspected for weeds during the 5 year period.

Dubbo City Council will also inspect 152 state owned/controlled lands during the 5 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 MISP 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 MISP 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

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- Macquarie Valley Regional Weed Strategy
- NSW Invasive Species Plan

Narromine Shire Council Weeds Inspection Program Policy

1. Overview

This policy sets out Narromine Shire Council's noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Council has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Council will employ at least 1 (one) appropriately qualified weed 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 1 (once) during a five 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 MISP 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 MISP 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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Weed Control Policy and Management Plan

Noxious Weeds Inspection Procedure and Policy

Wellington Council endeavours to gain the co-operation of landholders and government agencies in the control of noxious weeds, believing cooperation is better than confrontation and by demonstrating benefits to be obtained by returning the land to beneficial production, most landholders are cooperative with Council's officers creating a comfortable liaison between the two. There are still landholders who do not comply - these are informed of their responsibilities under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 and the consequences of not adhering to the legislation.

The procedure for carrying out Property Inspections is as follows:

- a) Contact the Land owner or occupier of the property, gain oral or written permission for entry onto the property. If oral permission is granted, make necessary notations in personal work diary.
- b) Complete Risk Assessment Form.
- c) On arrival at the property, the officer must make face-to-face contact with the owner before proceeding to inspect the property unless prior consent from owner/occupier to inspect the property is given. Ask the owner if they wish to accompany the officer on the inspection.
- d) Conduct the inspection and avoid damage to property eg, crops and pasture, by keeping to existing tracks where possible.
- e) Complete inspection details in work diary eg what noxious plants were discovered or any verbal discussions with owner regarding the inspection.
- f) On return to office, complete Inspection Report.

Council's Weeds Officers carry out priority inspections and give landholders generally 3-4 weeks to carry out noxious weed work before a second inspection is carried out. (Depending on time frame and noxious weed a Section 18A may be given first). The time given can vary considering each weed and the time of the inspection (example: Golden Dodder is not given any longer than ten (10) days, due to its rapid flower/seed set time. Woody weeds the time could be up to two (2) months in length).

As each inspection is carried out the time given gets shorter. For lack of work or not satisfactory work a Section 18A Notice will be issued. If the landholder still fails to comply and depending on the size of the problem a Section 18 may be issued. Council will then decide to send a Show Cause letter or consider taking legal action under Section 18 or Section 12.

The follow-up inspections are of the utmost importance not only to see if work is being carried out in accordance with the Act and Council's policy but it reinforces that Council is serious about noxious weeds and their control or eradication.

Issuing Section 20 Notices are also considered as each situation arises. Section 20 Notices are a last resort as it can lead to conflict and Council wishes to avoid this as much as possible.

Council Weeds Officers will ensure every rural property within the Council area is inspected for weeds at least once during the six year period. The target of 300 property inspections will be carried out every year, as well as businesses and Council managed lands, per year are set out in Council's submission to MISP under the Weeds Action Program (WAP). Council will make every effort to reach these targets each year.

Council weeds officers will inspections in the respective areas with exceptions being High risk pathways and reinspections where required on properties of high concern.

The Crown Lands Division of the Department of Primary Industries in its role as local government authority in the Unincorporated Area (Western Lands) Weeds Inspection Program Policy

1. Overview

This policy sets out the noxious weeds inspection program

2. Background

Western Lands has demonstrated its commitment to achieving inspectorial targets by becoming a participating partner of the Macquarie Invasive Species Project (MISP).

3. Policy

3.1 Employment of inspectors

Western Lands 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

Western Lands weed inspector(s) will ensure every residential and rural property within the Unincorporated 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 Western Lands managed lands, per year are set out in Western Lands submission to MISP under the Weeds Action Program (WAP). Western Lands will make every effort to reach these targets each year.

3.3 High risk sites & pathways of weed spread

Western Lands will ensure inspections of high risk sites and pathways are carried out and the targets set out in the MISP 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
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