

# Guide to developing a Weed Management Plan

A weed management plan needs to demonstrate how the following broad objectives will be met.

- How the applicant will control existing weed infestations
  - The following links can help - [DPI weedwise](#) & [Hunter Strategy](#)
- How you plan on limiting the spread of weeds during construction
  - Movement of soil, and machinery are of concern here
- Where disposal and wash down areas will be established
- Site inductions for personnel that includes weed management practices
  - Demonstrate how and when these instructions will be delivered
- How council officers will be consulted and kept informed of developments in regard to activities affecting weeds
  - Demonstrate how and when these communications will be delivered

**-Before** site work commences contact council for a free weed inspection of your property to assess the extent and nature of weed infestations present.

**-Conduct** initial weed treatment as necessary and be prepared to do some follow up work. Site disturbance common in construction usually results in weed seeds germinating and provides the opportunity to control them.

**-Plan** how to properly manage or dispose of weed contaminated soil, construction waste and vegetative material.

**-Design** your site to reduce the creation of areas prone to weed invasion. This includes no shallow muddy edges to waterways, no water runoff into bushland, no steep, hard to maintain areas. Use silt traps to prevent weed movement in run off, and leave no bare earth anywhere – Mulch, hydro-mulch or plant out all cleared areas.

**-Plan** machinery use to include wash down areas if the site has priority weeds present. Ensure machinery is clean before entering or leaving the site. Make sure machinery operators are able to identify important weeds and encourage weed responsible machinery practices. Use of signs, barriers and other advisory systems may be required.

**-Ensure** soil, mulch and plants brought onto the site are weed free, including from weed seeds. Keep contaminated spoil separate from clean materials, and if soil is leaving the site, and the site has been identified by Council as containing priority weeds, you will require a Biosecurity Permit. Ask our Invasive Species Officers for more information and to assist with application for your permit.

Use plants that are environmentally friendly, that is they are not known to become weeds.