



WEED CONTROL CLASS 4 MANAGEMENT PLAN

The control objective for weed control class 4 is to minimise the negative impact of those plants on the economy, community or environment of NSW.

NAME OF WEED: **Asparagus Fern**

Common name: **Asparagus Fern**

Scientific name: ***Asparagus aethiopicus***
(Previously known as *Asparagus densiflorus*)

The above mentioned weed is a noxious weed declared under section 7 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.

AREA OF OPERATION & PHONE NUMBERS FOR LOCAL CONTROL AUTHORITIES:

North Sydney Council

Phone number: 9936 8100

PLAN PERIOD

Starting date: **1st March 2006**

Completion date: **28th February 2011**
(Unless otherwise revoked)

CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE WEED AS PER ORDER 19

Class 4: "The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the local control authority and the plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed".

The above local control authority specifies the following measures to control this weed:

Individual specimens and small infestations must be completely removed

Large infestations (i.e. greater than 75% of any property area larger than 500m²) must be reduced by 50% annually.

On publicly owned or managed land, the weed will be strategically controlled and reduced according to available resources.

CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS WEED IN THE AREA OF OPERATION

Note: The above control requirements will normally be met through applying the following control measures.

Manual control.

Remove and dispose of all aerial stems from the site as they can re-establish into new plants. Carefully place all berries in bags before disposal. Locate centre of the plant and using a sharp knife hand-dig the woody crown, leaving water tubers in place.

Herbicide control.

Spray with a registered herbicide. Follow up sprays will be necessary. The cut stump and stem scrape methods can also be used.

General information on control methods for this weed can be found in the most recent edition of the annual

Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook www.dpi.nsw.gov.au or at www.sydneyweeds.org.au

Before commencing any chemical control program contact your local council's weeds officer for advice tailored to your situation.

All herbicide use should be undertaken with a registered herbicide as specified on the herbicide product label or relevant off-label permit published by the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority.

LINKAGES TO OTHER PLANS, STRATEGIES (Local, Regional, State and National):

Sydney North Regional Weeds Strategy (Sydney North committee only)

Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weeds Strategy (currently being developed)

Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Weeds Strategy (currently being developed)

SECTION 12 OBLIGATIONS (from the Noxious Weeds Act 1993)

Private occupiers of land must control noxious weeds on land.

An occupier (other than a public authority or a local control authority) of land to which a weed control order applies must control noxious weeds on the land as required under the order.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

Note: If an occupier fails to comply with obligations under a weed control order, those obligations may be enforced against the owner of the land as well as the occupier by a weed control notice issued under section 18.

PLAN ENDORSEMENT

This plan is endorsed by each Local Control Authority in the area of operation.

Adopted at the meeting of North Sydney Council, dated 26 November 2007

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