



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: **Privet**

Common names: Broad-leaf Privet
Small-leaf Privet

Scientific names: *Ligustrum lucidum*
Ligustrum sinense

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, unless maintained as a formal hedge where all flowering and fruiting is prevented.

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.

Areas previously treated must not be allowed to regrow.

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.

Small plants (<3 cm trunk diameter) can be hand pulled without breaking the root system. Assist the plant by handling the plant at the base and using a garden fork or knife to slowly pry out of the ground. Uprooted plants should be placed upside-down with their roots in the air, to dry out.

Saplings (<5 cm trunk diameter) can be removed by removing all branches and leaving a 1m high

stump. Using either a mattock or spade chop into the lateral / tap roots and leave out the stump. Roots remaining in the soil do not need to be removed as they do not sucker.

Herbicide control.

Trees (>5 cm trunk diameter) can be drilled/frilled or cut and painted with a registered herbicide. Herbicide should be applied within 30 seconds of making the cut to ensure maximum intake by the plant. Ringbarking has proven to be ineffective. Follow-up control may be necessary.

Use a registered herbicide. Spraying of the plant is often less effective than manual methods.

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)
Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan

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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