



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: Rhus Tree

Common name: Rhus Tree

Scientific name: *Toxicodendron succedaneum*

The above mentioned weed(s) 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: 1 March 2006

Completion date: 28 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".

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.

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.

IMPORTANT: *Rhus Trees can cause severe allergic reactions and general disability to people who come into direct contact with the plant or its sap. Precautions must be taken (such as wearing overalls, gloves, enclosed shoes, a dust mask and eye protection) when treating the weed. Do not burn in fire places or leave to rot on site. To dispose, seal in bag and place in garbage bin or at a licensed landfill facility.*

Manual control.

Young plants are easily hand-pulled

Herbicide control.

Medium sized Rhus Trees (to 2m tall) can be cut at ground level and immediately painted with a registered herbicide (cut and paint). Larger individuals are best treated by stem injection.

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 Metropolitan Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)

Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Weed Strategy (under preparation)

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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