



Roadside Declared Plants

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Responsible Officer/s	Works Manager
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1. Purpose

To establish responsibility for the ongoing control of Declared Plants on roadsides throughout the Council area.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to all roadsides and road verges throughout the Council area.

3. History

The responsibility for control of roadside weeds, in various Acts over many years, rests with the adjoining landowner. Council formerly undertook roadside weed control work on roadsides throughout the Council area. This resulted in :

1. considerable workload on the part of the Plant operator in identifying adjoining property owners, and
2. Multiplicity of individual accounts being sent to landowners for this work.

In order to streamline Pest Plant Control work, Council previously adopted a Policy to “accept responsibility for control of proclaimed plants on roadsides, and.....allocate funds in the annual Budget to effect a planned program.”

Since then, Pest Plant Boards were formed, where Council continued with annual allocations for roadside Pest Plant control work. Subsequently, the functions of Pest Plant Boards were taken over by the South East Natural Resources Management (SENRM) Board (and currently performed by Department for Environment and Water (DEW)).

Currently the Board undertakes plant control work on behalf of Council, to reduce growth around guide posts, signs etc, and at intersections. This work assists with roadside mowing and visibility for safety. The Board also undertakes Declared Plant control work as deemed necessary in their control programmes.

4. Definitions

Roadside, road verge means that part of the road reserve between the road surface and the boundary of private property.

Declared Plants - “Weeds” have variously been defined over the years as Pest Plants, Proclaimed Plants, and currently, Declared Plants. A list of declared plants for the South-East is contained in the South East Pest Management Strategy. This list is reviewed periodically.

5. Policy

Council will undertake responsibility for the management and control of roadside Declared Plants, and will provide an amount in the annual Budget to allow this work to be undertaken by contract with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).



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6. Responsibilities

The Works Manager is responsible for ensuring that the requirements for this Policy are met.

7. References:

Federal Legislation

N/A

State Legislation

Natural Resources Management Act 2004

Natural Resources Management (General) Regulations 2005

It is anticipated that the Natural Resources Management Act will be replaced by a new Landscape South Australia Act in the near future.

Other Related References

NIL

8. Review

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at minimum every four (4) years, within 12 months of a general election of Council (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

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