



# GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

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## Management Plan for Sweet Briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*)

**Declaration:** Sweet Briar is classified as a Class 4 noxious weed in the Glen Innes Severn Council Area, under the Noxious Weed Act 1993. Declaration of this weed is for a **5-year** period **Starting** 1-3-2006 and **Finishing** 1-3-2011.

### **Why Sweet Briar** is a Class 4 Noxious Weed:

- It is a troublesome weed reducing the carrying capacity of grazing land
- Dense patches provide harbour for pest animals, particularly rabbits
- It can restrict the movement of stock, eg at watering points

### **Class 4 noxious weeds control objectives:**

- They must be managed in such a way as to 'minimise the negative impact of the weed on the economy, community or the environment of New South Wales'.
- The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in this Management Plan published by the Glen Innes Severn Council

## **REQUIREMENTS & CONTROL MEASURES**

The Glen Innes Severn Council will control Sweet Briar growing on all land for which it has responsibility under the *Noxious Weed Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for the control of Sweet Briar.

Owners/Occupiers of land are obligated and required to actively control Sweet Briar to prevent it from spreading, and its numbers and distribution must be reduced.

Owners/Occupiers of infested land are obligated and required to control Sweet Briar using all or any of the following methods:

- Chemical-** Sweet Briar is to be treated effectively with a herbicide registered for the control of Sweet Briar, in the manner specified on the label.
- Mechanical-** At anytime of the year Sweet Briar maybe removed by, grubbing, hoeing or ploughing to remove the crowns.
- Cultural-** Sweet Briar maybe strategically grazed with goats and sheep to consistently defoliate the plants and control emerging seedlings. This method is only acceptable when the plant is effectively prevented from flowering and setting fruit with an overall reduction in bush size.

For any **further assistance** with this weed contact council's Noxious Weeds Officer at the Church Street Office, phone 67302358 or mobile 0427669871.