



# GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

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## Management Plan for Chilean Needle Grass (*Nassella neesiana*)

**Declaration:** Chilean Needle Grass 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 Chilean Needle Grass** is a Class 4 Noxious Weed:

- It is highly invasive in pastures and native grassland
- Heavy infestations can decrease productivity by as much as 50% during summer
- It builds up a large and persistent seedbank in the soil
- Rehabilitation of infested land is very difficult
- It can cause injury to stock and downgrades wool, skins and hides with its sharp seeds

**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
- The plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

### REQUIREMENTS & CONTROL MEASURES

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

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

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

- Chemical-** Chilean Needle Grass is to be treated effectively with a herbicide registered for its control, in the manner specified on the label.
- Physical-** Small patches of Chilean Needle Grass maybe removed by hand weeding or chipping.
- Mechanical-** Plant crops or pasture and use cultivation to prevent seedlings from flowering

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

**Chilean Needle Grass must not grow within 50 metres of a property boundary or waterway**

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