



GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

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Management Plan for Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass (*Sorghum halepense*, *Sorghum alnum*)

Declaration: Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass are classified as a Class 4 noxious weeds in the Glen Innes Severn Council Area, under the Noxious Weed Act 1993. Declaration of these weeds is for a **5-year** period **Starting** 1-3-2006 and **Finishing** 1-3-2011.

Why Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass are Class 4 Noxious Weeds:

- Johnson Grass has been considered one of the ten worse weeds in the world. It causes severe crop losses due to competition.
- Both plants can act as alternate hosts to crop pests and diseases.
- Both plants have the potential to poison stock at early growth stages
- Both plants constitute safety hazards along roadsides

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 Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass growing on all land for which it has responsibility under the *Noxious Weed Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for the control of Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass.

Owners/Occupiers of land are obligated and required to actively control Johnson Grass & Columbus 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 Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass using all or any of the following methods:

- Chemical-** Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass is to be treated effectively with a herbicide registered for their control of, in the manner specified on the label;
- Mechanical-** Johnson Grass & Columbus Grass may be removed by the cultivation of suitable pasture

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