



# GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

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## Management Plan for Nodding Thistle (*Carduus nutans L*)

**Declaration:** Nodding Thistle 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 Nodding Thistle** is a Class 4 Noxious Weed:

- It can occupy a considerable are of pasture, thus seriously reducing carrying capacity
- It is invasive and grows in dense patches
- Dense patches can harbour pest animals, particularly rabbits.
- The spiny heads contribute to vegetable fault in wool

**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 Nodding Thistle growing on all land for which it has responsibility under the *Noxious Weed Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for the control of Nodding Thistle.

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

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

- Chemical-** Nodding Thistle is to be treated effectively with a herbicide registered for the control of Nodding Thistle, in the manner specified on the label.
- Mechanical-** Nodding Thistle maybe removed by grubbing, hoeing or ploughing to prevent seeding.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

**Nodding Thistle must not grow within 100 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.