

MANAGEMENT PLAN

For

Scotch/English Broom

(*Cytisus scoparius*)

BACKGROUND

Description: Scotch/English Broom is a native of Europe and has spread to many temperate parts of the world. It is a hardy erect shrub to 3 m high, produces flowers in the spring and prefers acid and high rainfall. Seeds, which are the sole source of reproduction, are ejected from pods during the summer. Left uncontrolled it forms dense thickets which exclude other species, and is a serious threat to biodiversity, especially in conservation areas.

Declaration: Scotch/English Broom is classified as a Class 4 noxious weed in the Tamworth Regional Council area.

Under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* as amended:

- The control objective of Class 4 noxious weeds is that they must be managed in such a manner 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 a Management Plan published by Tamworth Regional Council.
- The plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

CONTROL MEASURES

Tamworth Regional Council will control Scotch/English Broom, on lands for which it has the responsibility to control weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for this purpose.

Owners/Occupiers of land are required to actively control Scotch/English Broom. This means to prevent Scotch/English Broom from spreading and to reduce the numbers of infestations and their density. All or any of the following control methods must be used to achieve Scotch/English Broom control.

CONTROL METHODS

Chemical: Scotch/English Broom is to be treated with a registered herbicide developed for this purpose. The product is to be used according to the product label.

Mechanical: Scotch/English Broom is to be hoed, grubbed or ploughed, slashed or otherwise cut in a manner that prevents the formation and distribution of seed.