

MANAGEMENT PLAN

For

Perennial Ragweed

(Ambrosia psilostachya)

BACKGROUND

Description: Perennial Ragweed is a herb that grows up to 1.5 m in height. It is distinguished by creeping roots that send up shoots to form large colonies. The seeds are dispersed by animals, in mud, and by the creeping roots. The plants are not eaten by stock. Contact with the plant may cause skin allergies.

Declaration: Perennial Ragweed 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 Perennial Ragweed on lands for which it has the responsibility to control weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.

Owners/Occupiers of land are required to actively control Perennial Ragweed. This means to prevent Perennial Ragweed 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 Perennial Ragweed control.

CONTROL METHODS

Chemical: Perennial Ragweed is to be treated with a registered herbicide developed for this purpose. The product is to be used according to the product label.

Mechanical: Perennial Ragweed is to be hoed, grubbed or ploughed in a manner that removes all of the root material.