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NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY

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MANAGEMENT PLAN

for

PAMPAS GRASS

(*Cortaderia* species)

BACKGROUND

Description: Pampas Grass is a large tussock-forming grass with leaves mostly developing from the base, growing to about 2 metres, with flower stalks from 3 to 4 metres. The plants reproduce both from seed and vegetatively. Seed is readily dispersed by wind, however, seedling regeneration is rare, but vegetative spread is common. Pampas Grass can be highly invasive of bushland.

Declaration: Pampas Grass is classified as a Class 4 noxious weed in the New England Weeds Authority Area.

Under the *Noxious Weeds Act of 1993* as amended:

- The control objective of Class 4 noxious weeds is that 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 a Management Plan published by the Local Control Authority (in this case the New England Weeds Authority).

CONTROL MEASURES

The New England Weeds Authority will control Pampas Grass growing on land for which it has the responsibility to control weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.

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

Owners/Occupiers of infested land are required to control Pampas Grass in the following manner:

- (a) **CHEMICAL** – Pampas Grass is to be treated with a herbicide registered for the control of Pampas Grass, in the manner specified on the label; OR
- (b) **MECHANICAL** – Pampas Grass is to be pulled or dug, and all live root material removed from the ground.