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NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY

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MANAGEMENT PLAN

for

BROOM (Scotch/English)

(*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 3m high, produces yellow flowers in the spring and prefers acid soils 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 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).
- The plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

CONTROL MEASURES

The New England Weeds Authority will control Scotch/English Broom growing on all land for which it has the responsibility to control weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for the control of Scotch/English Broom.

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

Owners/Occupiers of infested land are required to control Scotch/English Broom in the following manner:

- (a) **CHEMICAL** – The Scotch/English Broom is to be treated with a herbicide registered for the control of Scotch/English Broom, in the manner specified on the label; OR
- (b) **MECHANICAL** – The Scotch/English Broom is to be hoed, grubbed, ploughed, slashed, or otherwise cut, in a manner that prevents the formation and distribution of seed.