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NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY

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MANAGEMENT PLAN

for

ST BARNABY'S THISTLE

(*Centaurea solstitialis*)

BACKGROUND

Description: St Barnaby's Thistle is an erect much branched annual up to 75cm high and reproduces from seed. Leaves are greyish in colour and covered in downy hairs. Flowers are bright yellow and solitary at the ends of branches surrounded by bracts with several yellow spines. Reproduction is only by seed, some of which can be spread by wind. Overseas evidence shows that the plants produce compounds which restrict growth of some other species, giving it a competitive advantage, and it is a widespread weed of disturbed habitats often found in pastures and roadsides.

Declaration: St Barnaby's Thistle 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 St Barnaby's Thistle growing on all 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 St Barnaby's Thistle to prevent it from spreading, and its numbers and distribution must be reduced.

Owners/Occupiers of infested land are required to control St Barnaby's Thistle in the following manner:

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