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NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY

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MANAGEMENT PLAN

for

SWEET BRIAR

(*Rosa rubiginosa*)

BACKGROUND

Description: Sweet Briar is an erect shrub which grows up to 3metres in height. Mature stems bear numerous backward-pointing prickles of varying length up to 1.5cm, with numerous stems arising from the shallow perennial rootstock. Flowers are pink or white, formed in loose clusters at the ends of branches. Fruit is an orange or red ovoid or ellipsoid capsule or 'hip' to 2cm long. Introduced as an ornamental, it is now a common Tableland weed.

Declaration: Sweet Briar 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 Sweet Briar 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 Sweet Briar.

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

Owners/Occupiers of infested land are required to control Sweet Briar in the following manner:

- CHEMICAL** – The Sweet Briar is to be treated with a herbicide registered for the control of Sweet Briar, in the manner specified on the label; OR
- MECHANICAL** – The Sweet Briar is to be hoed, grubbed, ploughed, slashed, or otherwise cut; OR
- CULTURAL** – The Sweet Briar is to be consistently grazed with goats to destroy existing plants and control emerging seedlings.