

MANAGEMENT PLAN

For

Sweet Briar

(*Rosa rubiginosa*)

BACKGROUND

Description: Sweet Briar is an erect, prickly shrub similar to the cultivated rose, having cane-like branches that are covered in thorns. The fruits (rose hips) are round and orange-red in colour. The bushes may grow to 2 metres in height and can form impenetrable thickets, reducing the productivity of lands.

Declaration: Sweet Briar 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 Sweet Briar, on lands for which it has the responsibility to control weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for this purpose.

Owners/Occupiers of land are required to actively control Sweet Briar. This means to prevent Sweet Briar 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 Sweet Briar control.

CONTROL METHODS

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

Mechanical: Sweet Briar is to be hoed, grubbed or ploughed to remove the crowns, or slashed or otherwise cut.

Cultural: Sweet Briar is to be grazed with goats to consistently defoliate the plants and control emerging seedlings.