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MANAGEMENT PLAN
For
African Boxthorn
(*Lycium ferocissimum*)

BACKGROUND

Description: African Boxthorn is an erect, thorny, perennial shrub, sometimes growing to three metres in height. The plants often grow close together forming a dense impenetrable thicket. The branches are stout and ending with a strong, sharp spine. The flower petals are cream, streaked with mauve and the berries ripen to bright red. They are often found growing beneath other trees.

Declaration: African Boxthorn 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 African Boxthorn, 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 African Boxthorn. This means to prevent African Boxthorn 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 African Boxthorn control.

CONTROL METHODS

Chemical: African Boxthorn is to be treated with a registered herbicide developed for this purpose. The product is to be used according to the product label.
Mechanical: African Boxthorn is to be dug or pulled out using whatever means are available.