

Noxious Weeds

Inspection and Control Procedures

Notice of Inspection issued to the landholder. Can be in writing or verbal.

Inspection - weed management satisfactory

No noxious weeds found or effective weed controls in place.

A **Notice of Intention to issue a Weed Control Notice** gives the opportunity for negotiation. It allows the landholder and Council to negotiate the terms of the weed control requirements and allows those with large infestations to present a staged management plan that may continue beyond the compliance date on the Notice.

To be considered by Council, the **Weed Control Submission** must include: objectives, timetable, control method/s, long term management plans to prevent seeding and re-invasion.

When a **Weed Control Notice** has not been fully complied with, Section 20 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* allows Council to carry out the required weed control at the landholder's expense.

Inspection - weed management unsatisfactory

Noxious weeds found or ineffective weed controls in place. Inspection report and **Notice of Intention to Give a Weed Control Notice** issued.

Weed Control Submission received and accepted.

Weed Control Submission received. Further negotiations required.

No Weed Control submission received.

Issue Weed Control Notice

Compliance and reinspection dates will be determined following the Weed Control Submission.

Issue Weed Control Notice

Notifying compliance and re-inspection date.

Re-inspection

A re-inspection fee may apply for third and subsequent inspections.

Weed Control Notice compliance

Penalty Infringement Notices may be issued at any time during the inspection process if the landholder fails to continue with effective control programs as required by previous Inspection Reports or Weed Control Notices and has not complied with the requirements of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*. A Penalty Infringement Notice will not be issued following an inspection requested by a landholder.

Weed Control Notice not complied with

Inspection report sent and **Penalty Infringement Notice** or other legal action taken. A re-inspection fee may apply.

S20 Notice to Enter and Control issued

and/or legal action taken under the *Noxious Weeds Act*. **Weed control carried out.**

Inspection report sent

Further inspections done regularly to monitor noxious weed control.

For further information please telephone the Bega Valley Shire Weeds Officer on 6499 2222.



Bega Valley Shire Council