

BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL

African Lovegrass Management Plan

Aim

To specify the control measures required for African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) within the Bega Valley Shire.

Statutory basis

By Order 20 of 31 August 2006 made by the Minister for Primary Industries pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* (Order 20).

Control objective

To minimise the impact of African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) on the economy, community and environment of NSW.

Control class

Pursuant to Order 20 African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) is a declared Class 4 noxious weed.

Control measure

Order 20 specifies that for Class 4 noxious weeds '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'.

Management plan

Actions for the management of African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) which apply to the Bega Valley Shire Council area are listed in the Table below.

Infestation situation	Control measures specified
All infestations	Chemical, mechanical, physical, cultural means or a combination of these methods. All precautions must be taken to ensure that produce, soil, livestock, vehicles, plant and machinery are free of the weed prior to their sale or movement from infested lands.
Designated rare and isolated infestations (includes light or scattered infestations)	African lovegrass must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.
Designated marginal and core infestations	African lovegrass must be prevented from seeding within fifteen metres of property boundaries (including those on roadsides and public lands), five metres either side of access roads and tracks and any other areas required by council's Weeds Officer to complement adjoining control programs. Management may include an agreed grazing management plan.

Enforcement

Failure to comply may result in Council taking further action which may include implementation of controls by Council at the owner or occupier's expense and legal action and fines under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.