

BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL

Blackberry Management Plan

Aim

To specify the control measures required for Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* aggregate species) 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 for Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* aggregate species) on the economy, community and environment of NSW.

Control class

Pursuant to Order 20 for Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* aggregate species) 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 and the plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed'.

Management plan

Actions for the management of Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* aggregate species) which apply to all of 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. Blackberry must be continuously suppressed and destroyed. 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.

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*.