

## BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL

### Chilean Needlegrass Management Plan

#### Aim

To specify the control measures required for Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*) within the Bega Valley Shire.

#### Statutory basis

By Order 19 of 23 December 2005 made by the Minister for Primary Industries pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* (Order 19).

#### Control objective

To minimise the impact of Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*) on the economy, community and environment of NSW.

#### Control class

Pursuant to Order 19 Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*) is a declared Class 4 noxious weed.

#### Control measure

Order 19 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 Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*) which apply to all of the Bega Valley Shire Council area are listed in the Table below.

Infestation situation	Control measures specified
All infestations	<p>Chemical, mechanical, physical, cultural means or a combination of these methods.</p> <p>Chilean needle grass must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.</p> <p>All precautions must be taken to ensure that produce, soil, livestock, vehicles, plant and machinery are free of the weed prior to the sale or movement from infested lands.</p> <p>The plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.</p>

#### 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*.