

BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL

Prickly Pear Management Plan

Aim

To specify the control measures required for Prickly Pear (*Cylindropuntia* species and *Opuntia* species excluding *Opuntia ficus-indica*) 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 Prickly Pear (*Cylindropuntia* species and *Opuntia* species excluding *Opuntia ficus-indica*) on the economy, community and environment of NSW.

Control class

Pursuant to Order 19 Prickly Pear (*Cylindropuntia* species and *Opuntia* species excluding *Opuntia ficus-indica*) are declared Class 4 noxious weeds.

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 Prickly Pear (*Cylindropuntia* species and *Opuntia* species excluding *Opuntia ficus-indica*) which applies 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, biological, cultural means or a combination of these methods.</p> <p>Prickly pear 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*.