

Priority weeds inspections

Under Part 3 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* — General Biosecurity Duty, any person who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by biosecurity matter on their land, has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.

The Process

Areas are inspected by means of a targeted approach including all land regardless of ownership or tenure.

- All entry to private lands carried out under Section 98 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.
- Private land owners and occupiers in selected areas will be issued with a Notice of Inspection Letter, advising that an inspection of their property will take place in order to identify any Priority Weeds. A range of dates will be provided.
- Upon inspection if any Priority Weeds are identified on your property, a random sample of each weed species will be tagged with pink tape to help you identify them and others that may occur on the property.
- If weeds are identified, you will be issued with a 'Presence of Priority Weeds' letter and asked to undertake weed control voluntarily within a given timeframe which will be identified in the letter. Re-inspection dates will also be provided. The letter will include a list of weeds found and you will be provided with information to assist you in their control.
- If you need assistance in regard to any aspect of the 'Presence of Priority Weeds' letter, please contact Council on 4780 5375.
- If no Priority Weeds are found, you will receive a 'No Weeds Letter'. It is recommended that you regularly check your property for invasive weeds.

