



WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY NUMBER: 3.5.6

POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Adopted: 20 April 2017

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1. **Title:** Policy for Management of Noxious Weeds on Private Property
2. **Number:** Policy Number 3.5.6
3. **Purpose**
The purpose of this policy is to establish Council's procedure for inspections for noxious weeds on private properties and the subsequent issuing of warnings and or notices.
4. **Application**
The policy applies to all privately – owned land within the Weddin Shire.
5. **Associated Legislation and Other References**
Noxious Weeds Act 1993.
6. **Policy**

Private property may be inspected for noxious weeds in accordance with the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 as follows:-
 - issue of Section 45 – Notice of Inspection, or verbal notice (write in diary),
 - inspection carried out, and copy of report to owner, with a time frame for work including reinspection,
 - reinspection – if work not done, interview landholder, and issue a Section 18A Notice (a notice for intent to serve a notice),
 - reinspect one week later and if work not done, issue a Section 18 Notice (min 14 days) to do the work,
 - if work not done, either issue Section 20 Notice (Council to do work and charge landholder), or commence legal proceedings.
 - details of the matter and any response are to be reported to Council for consideration of legal action and recovery of any costs.
7. **Non-Compliance**
Non-compliance with the policy may render a landowner or occupier liable for legal action under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.
8. **Review and Amendment**
 - This policy shall be reviewed by September 2021 and thereafter at four (4) yearly intervals, to ensure it meets all statutory requirements and the needs of Council.
 - This policy may be amended or cancelled by Council at any time without prior notice or obligation to any person.
9. **Adoption**
 - This policy commences as from the date of adoption by Council, being 20 April 2017 and replaces any previous policy.

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10. History

Version	Details
3.5.2	Adopted 21 August 1987
3.5.2	Amended 20 October 1995
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3.5.4	Reviewed 18 June 2009 (unchanged)
3.5.5	Adopted 18 April 2013
3.5.6	Adopted 20 April 2017