

WEED CONTROL PROGRAM ON CROWN LAND

The Department of Lands has made arrangements with the Department of Primary Industries and the Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee (NWAC) to provide limited funds in the 2008/09 year for integrated weed control programs on Crown land and other land under the control of the department. This can include Crown land which is vacant, under short term tenure or the control of community or corporate Trusts.

Project applications may be submitted to the Department of Lands by Local Control Authorities (LCAs), Trusts, community groups or departmental staff. Consultation with local Department of Lands staff in identification of the land and design of the project is essential.

All applications received will be assessed using the following criteria.

- 1 Confirmation of the status of the land as Crown land or other land under the control of the Department of Lands.
- 2 Severity of the weed and its potential to spread and/or degrade agricultural land, natural vegetation communities or the environment.
- 3 Program meets the objectives of the NSW and National Weeds Strategies.
- 4 Program is compatible with State, Regional or catchment plans for targeted weeds.
- 5 Program demonstrates “best practice” in weed management as recommended by the Department of Primary Industries, NWAC and the local control authorities.
- 6 Program leads to long term control of identified weeds.
- 7 Participation by neighbours, community groups or other land managers.
- 8 Program attracts contributions from agencies, Trusts, community groups or other parties in cash or kind.
- 9 There is a commitment by all stakeholders to implement follow up work to promote long term control of the identified weeds.
- 10 The program promotes the effective management of Crown land or other land under the control of the Department of Lands.
- 11 If the project is continuing, satisfactory progress must be made and a report provided as to expenditure of the funds previously granted.

It is expected that successful applications will meet most of these criteria. Works projects which primarily benefit private landholders will not be funded and projects which do not lead to the decline of targeted weed species within a designated timeframe will not receive priority. Funds will be allocated to on-ground works rather than capital items.

Funds are only available under this program for one year at a time. Continuing funding for ongoing programs will be considered in later years if funds are available.

Applications are to be submitted to the Department of Lands by C.O.B. 15th August 2008. Lodgement of applications by email to john.woods@lands.nsw.gov.au using the attached Microsoft Word application format is strongly encouraged. Enquiries, mail or faxed applications should be directed to:

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APPLICATION FOR WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS ON CROWN LAND AND OTHER LAND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS						
APPLICANT:						
CONTACT PERSON:			TELEPHONE NUMBER:			
ADDRESS:						
PROJECT TITLE:						
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AREA AND CROWN LAND INVOLVED (location, status, area):						
BACKGROUND:						
PROJECT AIMS:						
KEY ACTIVITIES:						
BUDGET DETAILS:						
Proposed Contributions						
	\$ year one		\$ year two		\$ year three	
Works program	2008/09	Other	2009/10	Other	2010/11	Other
Labour(details):						
Materials (details):						
Equipment (details):						
Contractors (details):						
Other (details):						
TOTALS:						

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1 Which Department of Lands office and staff member have you consulted with about this project?
- 2 What is the severity of the weed and its potential to spread to and/or degrade agricultural land, natural vegetation communities or the environment?
- 3 How does the project meet the objectives of the NSW and National Weeds Strategies?
- 4 Specify how the project will meet the standards of best practice in weeds management?
- 5 If there are State, Regional or catchment plans for the targeted weed, how does the project contribute to achieving the aims of these plans?
- 6 Does the project contribute to achieving the aims of Threat Abatement Plans for Key Threatening Processes or Recovery Plans for threatened species under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995? If so, how?
- 7 What is the expected level of control to be achieved within a designated timeframe?
- 8 Specify the other partners in the project, and their commitment of resources in financial or other terms?
- 9 How will the effectiveness of the project be monitored?
- 10 How will the project be promoted?

MAP

Please supply a map of the project area delineating the differing land tenures involved in the project when submitting this application.

REPORTING:

If you received funds in 2007/08 for weed control on Crown land or other Departmental land please report on progress made towards achieving the objectives of each project.