

WEED CONTROL PROGRAM

Section 371 (1) (b) of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*

This Weed Control Program is a Council endorsed document under Section 371 (1) (b) of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, and describes how a person must discharge the person's general biosecurity duty for the biosecurity matter (weed) described.

PLANT SPECIES

Common name: Salvinia

Scientific name: *Salvinia molesta*

AREA OF OPERATION

Local government area of Eurobodalla Shire.

SPECIES INFORMATION

Salvinia is an aquatic fern which floats on the water surface. It can be found in fresh water bodies such as farm dams, lagoons on river floodplains, rivers and creeks. Still or slow flowing water is preferred.

Salvinia blankets the water surface reducing light levels, temperature and oxygen in the water below. This has profound effects on communities of native plants and animals in the water. It also interferes with animal access for drinking water, human access for swimming and boating, reduces water quality and blocks pumps.

Dumping of aquarium or ornamental pond plants is often the means of spread for aquatic weeds. Salvinia is a sterile hybrid and only reproduces vegetatively from broken-off pieces or whole plants being moved on boats or fishing equipment, or washed from one water body to another in floods.

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

(1) *Salvinia molesta* is biosecurity matter declared under Schedule 3 of the *Biosecurity Regulation 2017*.

(2) A person must not import into the State or sell any plant listed in Schedule 3.

WEED RISK ASSESSMENT

Feasibility of control: Very high.

Objective: Monitor and protect priority sites.

COUNCIL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

(1) Destroy all plants, or if that is not practicable, destroy as many plants as is practicable and stop the spread of any remaining plants from the property in a manner agreed to, or dictated by, Council.

(2) The landholder must prevent spread from their land to high priority sites including, but not limited to, potable water sources, water bodies used for irrigation, water bodies that are used for aquatic recreation, and water bodies containing endangered ecological communities and/or threatened species.

(3) The plant must not be propagated or distributed.

ENFORCEMENT

A person who fails to discharge the person's general biosecurity duty is guilty of an offence.

In the event that the general biosecurity duty is not discharged, Council may:

- charge a reinspection fee
- issue a penalty notice (refer to *Biosecurity Regulation 2017* (NSW) Schedule 6 - Penalty Notice Offences)
- enter the property, perform weed direction works and recoup all costs and expenses incurred.

REVIEW DATE

28 August 2019, or when required.

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