



GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

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Management Plan for Rhus Tree (*Toxicodendron succedanea*)

Declaration: Rhus Tree is classified as a Class 4 noxious weed in the Glen Innes Severn Council Area, under the Noxious Weed Act 1993. Declaration of this weed is for a **5-year** period **Starting** 1-3-2006 and **Finishing** 1-3-2011.

Why Rhus Tree is a Class 4 Noxious Weed:

- It causes a painful & dangerous allergic reaction in many people.
- Its sap causes severe dermatitis.
- All parts of the plant are dangerous

Class 4 noxious weeds control objectives:

- They must be managed in such a way as to 'minimise the negative impact of the weed on the economy, community or the environment of New South Wales'.
- The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in this Management Plan published by the Glen Innes Severn Council

REQUIREMENTS & CONTROL MEASURES

The Glen Innes Severn Council will control Rhus Tree growing on all land for which it has responsibility under the *Noxious Weed Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for the control of Rhus Tree.

Owners/Occupiers of land are obligated and required to actively control Rhus Tree to prevent it from spreading, and its numbers and distribution must be reduced.

Owners/Occupiers of infested land are obligated and required to control Rhus Tree using all or any of the following methods:

- Chemical-** Rhus Tree is to be treated effectively with a herbicide registered its control in the manner specified on the label.
- Mechanical-** The whole plant, including the roots must be removed. **Note:** Live Rhus Tree must be removed with extreme caution. Contact with the sap is dangerous. The risk of contact may be reduced by waiting until after leaf fall before attempting to remove the plant. Protective clothing must be worn. **DO NOT BURN** as the smoke is toxic.

For any **further assistance** with this weed contact council's Noxious Weeds Officer at the Church Street Office, phone 67302358 or mobile 0427669871.