REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER

GOYDER South Australia's Heartland	***PEST & PLANT CONTROL***	**Department**	I&TS
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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to confirm Council's position in regard to the management of pest plants and animals. The existence of this policy will ensure the effective monitoring and management of pest plants within the Regional Council of Goyder.

2. POLICY

From 1 July 2020, the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* replaced the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004,* as the key framework for managing the state's land, water, pest plants and animals, and biodiversity across the state.

3. DECLARED/PEST PLANTS - CONTAMINATED SOIL

That the Supervisors being aware of the problems that occur when soil and other materials from areas with known infestations of declared and other pest plants are relocated to other sites, consult with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Management Board prior to the removal of soil and other materials from Council land, quarries or to Council land.

4. DECLARED/PEST PLANTS - PRIVATE, COUNCIL AND RESERVE PITS

(a) When it is intended to open new pits the area be inspected by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Management Board, in conjunction with the Supervisor prior to work commencing.

(b) No rubble is to be transported without prior consultation with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Management Board, if it contains or is suspected of containing Declared Plants.
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(c) Suitable records are to be kept by the Council of all contaminated, private, Council and reserve pits.

(d) If it is the opinion of Council that soil and/or rubble used by Council caused an infestation of Declared Plants on that said road, then the Council accept the cost of controlling the respective Declared plants for a period of 2 (two) years. At the conclusion of this period the cost of control would be borne by the adjoining landowner. The Council after inspection of all pits to be used for roadworks, private, Council and reserve pits will provide an amount that will be considered in the budget, specifically to accommodate this expenditure.

(e) That Declared Plants in private pits be controlled by Council for a period of 2 (two) years after reinstatement.

(f) That Council, after inspection of all private, Council and reserve pits, will provide an amount that will be considered in the budget to specifically accommodate this expenditure.

5. ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

That Council comply with its Management Plan the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan prepared by EBS Ecology 2010.

6. RECORDS

All records should be treated in accordance with Local Government GDS40.

7. REVIEW

This document shall be reviewed by Council every two (2) years (or on significant change to legislation or aspects included in this policy that could affect the health and safety of workers).

8. REVIEW HISTORY

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