



**Castlereagh Macquarie County
Council**

**Operational Plan
2026/2027**

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1. Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

The following definitions and abbreviations are used in the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Delivery Plan:

BASP	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Business Activity Strategic Plan
Constituent Councils	means Coonamble Shire Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Walgett Shire Council, Warrumbungle Shire Council, and Warren Shire Councils collectively. These local government areas constitute the area of operation for the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.
Council	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
Councillors	Members of the CMCC
governing body County Council	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
County Council EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
LGA 1993	NSW Local Government Act 1993
Invasive Weeds	Plants which are declared invasive for the area of operation of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council, by State and LLS.
NSW DPI	NSW Department of Primary Industries
NSW BA 2015	NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 (Effective 1 st July 2017)
CMCC	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
NWLLS	North West Local Land Service
CWLLS	Central West Local Land Services

WLLS Western Local Land Services

UANSW Unincorporated Area of New South Wales

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3. What is an Operational Plan?

Section 1 in the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council's Business Activity Strategic Plan (BASP) explains the background and general structure of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework that was introduced for Local Government by the *Local Government Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Act 2009*.

Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that Council must develop an Operational Plan which is adopted before the beginning of each financial year which:

- a) Details the principal activities that Council will undertake to achieve the objectives established in the Business Activity Strategic Plan (BASP), which are within the resources available to Council as outlined in Resourcing Strategy contained in Council's BASP.
- b) Includes a method of assessment to determine the effectiveness of each principal activity in achieving the objectives at which the activity is directed.
- c) Statement of Revenue Policy for the year covered by the Operational Plan.

The Operational Plan is a sub-plan of the Delivery Programme and must be exhibited for at least 28 days during which period public submissions can be made to Council.

Council must accept and consider any submissions made on the draft Operational Plan before adopting the Operational Plan.

Clause 201 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (regulation)* requires Council's annual statement of revenue policy to include details of:

- a) Estimated income and expenditure
- b) Proposed rates and charges
- c) Proposed pricing methodology
- d) Proposed borrowings

Clause 203 of the *Regulation* requires that budget review statements and a revision of estimates must be reported to Council within two (2) months after the end of each quarter (except the June quarter).

The Operational Plan must be prepared as a sub-plan of the Delivery Programme and:

Directly address the actions outlined in the Delivery Programme and identify projects, programmes or activities that Council will undertake within the financial year towards addressing these actions.

Allocate responsibilities for each project, programme or activity.

Identify suitable measures to determine the effectiveness of the projects, programmes and activities undertaken.

Include a detailed budget for the activities to be undertaken in that year.

4. Vision Statement

Vision

To prevent, contain or reduce the **incursions invasion** of Weeds within the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council area.

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5. Mission Statement

Mission

To provide effective integrated weed management systems utilising the latest technology to all Constituent Councils fairly and equitably in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.

6. Principal Activities of Council

Statement of Principal Activities to be undertaken to achieve objectives

Note: In the following tables the column headed "BA & SO" provides in order, a reference to the Main Business Activity Priorities number and the Strategic Objective number from the Business Activity Strategic Plan.

1. Provide information to Council to allow decisions at Council Meetings				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Ensure Business Paper is ready for distribution.	2.3	GM	At least 103 working days prior to the Council Meeting.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Provide recommendations to Council when possible.	2.3	GM	Include in business paper for Council's consideration.	

2. Respond to Councillor inquiries related to the administration function				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Provide information to Councillors/Members within Council's policy guidelines	2.3	GM	On day requested where possible, or within 5 working days (unless request requires detailed investigation).	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Provide written information as requested	2.3	GM	Within 5 working days (unless request requires detailed investigation)	

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3. Update Council policy register				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Update new or amended administration policies in Council's policy register.	2.3	GM	Within 14 days of adoption or amendment	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Review Council administration policies.	2.3	GM	Within 2 months of expiry of policy or every 2 years	

4. Provide information to public in a timely and effective manner				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Ensure Council business papers are made available in hard copy at Council's office.	2.1	GM	At least 3 working days before the Council meeting.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Ensure other public information is made available at Council's office.	2.1	GM	As soon as practicable after it becomes public information.	
Ensure business papers are provided to constituent councils.	2.1	GM	Post to General Managers at the same time as CouncillorsMembers' business papers	
Ensure minutes, business papers and other information is posted to Council's website.	2.1	GM	As soon as practicable.	

5. Ensure all statutory requirements are completed and financial returns and plans are completed and lodged by the due date				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Quarterly Budget Review Statements and Delivery Programme Review to Council.	2.2	GM	August, October, February and April Meetings.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Audited Financial Statements to Division <u>Office</u> of Local Government.	2.2	GM	By the end of October.	
Financial Data collection return.	2.2	GM	By end of November	

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Notice of meeting at which audited reports are to be presented.	2.2	GM	By date specified by DivisionOffice of Local Government. Five weeks after 31 st October.	
Audited Financial Reports presented to public	2.2	GM	November December meeting.	
Draft Operational Plan and Budget on public exhibition.	2.2	GM	Following April meeting.	
Operational Plan and Budget to be adopted	2.2	GM	June meeting	

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6. Ensure all other statutory returns are completed and lodged by the due date				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Pecuniary Interest Returns.	2.2	GM	30 September annually.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Council's Annual Report prepared and lodged with DivisionOffice of Local Government	2.2	GM	30 November annually.	
Other returns as required by DivisionOffice of Local Government, Department of Primary Industries, or others	2.2	GM	No later than return date specified	

7. Implementation of Council decisions				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Implement Council decisions following Council meeting	2.2	GM	Within 10 working days of Council Meeting For prosecutions, within 2 months of Council resolution	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.

8. Continue to ensure the provision of finance to Council from available sources				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Liaise with constituent councils regarding the level of Council contributions and the apportionment of contributions.	2.4	GM	Continuously.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Letter to Constituent Councils concerning Council's proposed Delivery Plan and Budget estimates for the forthcoming financial year, and the contribution sought from constituent councils.	2.4	GM	30 April.	
Application to Department of Primary Industries for grants under NSW Weeds Action Programme as necessary.	2.4	GM	As required under Weeds Action Programme 1520	
Provide grant returns to Department of Primary Industries.	2.4	GM	As required under Weeds Action Programme 1520	
Pursue opportunities for securing grant funds from other available sources.	2.4 & 1.4	GM	As required	

9. Continue current financial management direction and review Business Activity Strategic Plan and Delivery Programme				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Review Business Activity Strategic Plan.	2.1 & 2.4	GM	Continuously	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Review Delivery Programme.	2.1 & 2.4	GM	Continuously	
Provide adequate funds for employee leave entitlements.	2.3	GM	Maintain reserve of at least 50% of Long Service Leave liability	

10. Provide financial information and advice to Council				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Provide financial advice as required.	2.2 & 2.3	GM	At Council meetings	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Provide quarterly update on financial trends relating to Council's expenditure.	2.2 & 3	GM	At Council Meeting following end of quarter (QBR Report presented to Council)	

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11. Ensure that Council's Operational Plan and Budget is considered in order to allow adoption by 30 June each year				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Draft Plan to be presented to Council.	2.2	GM	April Meeting.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Draft Plan adopted to allow 28 day public exhibition.	2.2	GM	April Meeting.	
Draft Plan to be adopted following consideration of any submissions received.	2.2	GM	June Meeting.	

12. Promote the Council's interests through participation with relevant organisations				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Participate in Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee activities through attendance at meetings and supply of information as required to assist the lobbying of State and Federal Governments.	1.1	GM	Attend meetings and provide information as requested.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.

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13. Provide active support for LGNSW				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Provide information as requested by LGNSW to assist it to lobby governments.	3.1	GM	Information to be provided by the date requested.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Utilise the services of LGNSW to further Council's interests	3.1	GM	As and when required by Council.	

14. Actively pursue politicians to further Council's interests				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Invite politicians to attend Council meetings.	3.1	GM	Politicians to be invited to Council meetings as required.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Meet with State and Federal Politicians to promote the interests of Council.	3.1	GM	As required	

15. Minimise the risks associated with all functions of Council				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Internal Audit (Council's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee).	2.3	GM	Ongoing, function of Audit Risk Committee to review organizational risks.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Identify new risks associated with Council's functions.			Internal audit program to be developed	
Analyse and prioritise all risks identified.	2.3	GM	Within 3 months after identification.	
Minise exposure through rectification of risks.	2.3	GM	Within budget constraints.	
Update policy on the use of contractors.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	

Review risk management policy.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	
Update Risk Register	2.3	GM	Staff meet twice a year to review operational risks and update risk register	

16. Ensure Council staff are aware of their rights and responsibilities in relation to WH&S , risk management and EEO				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Provide training to staff on relevant legislation.	2.3	GM	Ongoing as identified.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Provide training on EEO to staff.	2.3	GM	Ongoing as required.	
Provide staff with training on risk management.	2.3	GM	Ongoing as required.	
Review and update staff training programme.	2.3	GM	Annually.	
Review EEO Management Plan.	2.3	GM	As required	

17. Maintain and update Council's records management system				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Monitor record keeping procedures to ensure that they provide the best method of maintaining an accurate record of Council's activities.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Review record keeping procedures with a view to updating to State Records system of filing.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	

18. Implement system of information technology capable of providing information that is relevant and timely				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Monitor reporting system ability to provide information requirements.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Monitor technology improvements and assess future requirements.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	
Update Council's computer system, both hardware and software, to ensure that it enhances management and record keeping (as resources allow).	2.3	GM	As required.	
Review Council's website and implement systems for expanding content and keeping content up to date.	2.1 & 3.2	GM	Ongoing.	

19. Compile accurate data on the condition of current Council assets				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Maintain assets register for all assets over \$5,000.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Monitor the condition of those assets	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	
Identify maintenance requirements for those assets.	2.3	GM	Ongoing.	
Cost maintenance requirements and incorporate into annual budget.	2.3	GM	As identified.	

20. Introduce a system for electronic mapping of invasive weed infestations and the automation of Weeds Officers' reports				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Monitor the electronic mapping of invasive weed infestations and the automation of Weeds Officers' reporting procedures.	1.3 & 2.3	GM SWO	In conjunction with the year 1 WAP 1520 .	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Expand the introduction of electronic mapping of invasive weed infestations and the automation of Weeds Officers' Reporting Procedures to the whole of Council's Area of Operations.	1.3 & 2.3	GM SWO	To include weed control activities on roads	
Continue the training of staff in the use of the system in order to ensure it's most efficient and effective use.	1.3 & 2.3	GM SWO	Ongoing.	

21. Compile data on Council's current vehicle and plant fleet – condition and usage				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Analyse Council's current vehicle and plant fleet and its activities and assess future vehicle and plant needs.	2.3	GM	Ongoing	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.

22. Ensure access to competitively priced chemicals for weeds control programmes				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Ensure access to competitively priced chemicals for weeds control programmes.	1.2	GM	As required	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.

23. Actively pursue the control of Invasive weeds along roadsides in Council's area				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Inspect roadsides prior to control works to ensure that control programmes are efficient and effective.	1.3	SWO	At least one week prior to spraying.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Carryout necessary control works in line with Council's Budget allocations.	1.3	SWO	As seasonal conditions / and available funding permit.	
Respond to reports of Invasive weeds on roadsides.	1.3	SWO	Carry out inspection within 7 days of notification.	
Carry out control works in accordance with Council's policy and budget allocations.	1.3	SWO	As required	

24. Actively pursue the control of Invasive weeds on private lands				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Inspection of private lands to assist landowners to fulfill their legal responsibilities in relation to Invasive weeds.	1.2 & 3.2	SWO	At least 250 inspections per quarter.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Provide information to landowners on Invasive weeds control	1.2 & 3.2	SWO	If not done at time of inspection then within 1 week.	
Respond to Invasive weed complaints	1.2 & 3.2	SWO	Initial inspection within 10 working days.	

25. Actively pursue the control of Invasive weeds on vacant Crown lands				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Inspect vacant Crown land parcels to facilitate application to DPI for funds for necessary control works.	1.2	SWO	Prior to submission of application.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Inspect vacant Crown lands to ensure obligations for Invasive weed control are being met.	1.2	SWO	As required as resources are available.	
Provide information to Department of Lands on Invasive weed control requirements	1.2	SWO	Within 10 working days of inspection.	
Respond to complaints for Invasive weeds on vacant Crown Land	1.2	SWO	Initial inspection within 10 working days.	

26. Actively pursue the control of Invasive weeds on land held by Forests of NSW				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Inspect areas proposed to be clear felled in coming financial year.	1.2	SWO	Within 28 days of receipt of <i>Harvesting Plan of Operations</i> .	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Advise Forests NSW of proposed clear fell areas that are potential weeds risks	1.2	SWO	Within 14 days inspection	
Follow up to ensure control work is carried out on potential weeds risks.	1.2	SWO	Prior to each Spring	
Inspect areas surrounding standing forests and "land bank" areas	1.2	SWO	Ongoing as resources permit, or in response to complaints within 10 workings days	
Advise Forests NSW of areas that pose a risk of weeds spreading to adjoining land.	1.2	SWO	14 days after inspection	

27. Actively pursue the control of Invasive weeds on other public authorities land				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Inspect lands of public authorities to ensure obligations for Invasive weeds control are being met.	1.2 & 1.3	SWO	Ongoing.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Provide information to public authority on Invasive weed control requirements.	1.2 & 1.3	SWO	Within 10 working days of inspection.	
Respond to complaints regarding Invasive weeds on lands of public authorities.	1.2 & 1.3	SWO	Initial inspection within 10 working days.	

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28. Conduct aerial spraying programmes for Invasive weeds				
Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Organise programmes for aerial spraying of Invasive weeds throughout the year as seasonal conditions permit and demand requires.	1.2	GM/SWO	As required.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.
Publicise aerial spraying programmes in local media, and as occasion permits, to ensure maximum landholder participation.	1.2	GM/SWO	As required	
Organise aerial spraying (involving all weeds officers) throughout Council's area in accordance with programmes	1.2	SWO	In accordance with programmes	

29. Actively pursue regional resources sharing with neighbouring councils and other public authorities to provide cost benefits to Council in the provision of services

Required Activity	BA & SO	Resp	Target	Performance Measure
Pursue resource sharing through regular interaction with nearby councils and other public authorities to discuss regional weed plans and coordinated approaches to weed control	1.1	GM	Liaise with appropriate members and officers of surrounding councils and other public authorities as required.	Satisfactory completion of task in accordance with target level.

7. Other Information Relating To Principal Activities of Council

1. CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT

Council has not planned any Capital Works Programs for 2026/2027 other than plant and equipment replacement.

2. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Private Works

Private works will be carried out for private individuals or Government Departments on requests on a sundry debtor basis provided the carrying out of such work will not interfere with Council's primary responsibility of invasive weed control in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015. All private works will be **charged on** the basis of external plant hire plus labour and on-costs and a 15% administration charge. Hourly rate for spray operators and spray vehicle is \$150/hour plus 10% GST.

Sale of Herbicides

Herbicides used for Invasive weed control will be made available to the public to purchase at cost plus a 15% administration charge.

Advice

Fact sheets and brochures on Invasive weed identification and control procedures will be forwarded to enquirers on request.

3. ASSET REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY COUNCIL

Council will seek quotations for replacement plant and equipment from suppliers within and outside the County area. Suppliers within the County area will be given preference. Petrol driven motor vehicles will be replaced at 40,000 kilometres or two (2) years, whichever comes first, and diesel vehicles will be replaced at 150,000 kilometres or four (4) years, within Council's budget.

4. SALES AND PURCHASES OF ASSETS TO BE CONDUCTED BY COUNCIL

The General Manager is authorised to sell and purchase items of plant and equipment as detailed in Council's plant replacement program.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITIES

Staff is to have training to meet the minimum requirements of the industry standards in ~~Certificate IV in Conservation Land Management (weeds)~~, use of herbicides, health and safety and understanding integrated management techniques. All Inspection staff are to successfully complete the Local Government ~~Training Biosecurity Act Training and PSP40416 Certificate IV in Government Investigations. Industry Training Committee (LGITC) Weed Control Course or its equivalent.~~

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6. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council’s Equal Employment Opportunity Implementation and Management Plans are separate documents and are available on request.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Council complies with legislative requirements that relate to the environment and the use of herbicides to control invasive weeds. Such legislation includes the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, Clean Water Act, etc.

8. Weeds Categories

Common Name	Scientific Name	Regulatory Tool
African Boxthorn	<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Alligator weed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Alligator Weed Biosecurity Zone applies in some parts of NSW
		Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
All species of vascular plant	<i>Tracheophyta</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits import into NSW if the species is not already present in the State
Anchored water hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia azurea</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Asparagus weeds	<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> , <i>A. africanua</i> , <i>A. asparagoides</i> including western cape form*, <i>A plumosus</i> and <i>A. scandens</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Athel pine	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Bellyache Bush	<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Bitou bush	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. Rotundata</i>	Bitou Bush Biosecurity Zone applies in some parts of NSW
		Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus spp.agg.</i> (except the varieties chester thornless, dirksen thornless, loch ness silvan, black satin, murrindini, smooth stem, thornfree and chehalem)	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Black knapweed	<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Boneseed	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. Monilifera</i>	Biosecurity (Boneseed) Control Order 2022 applies in NSW
		Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Bridal veil creeper	<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Broomrape	<i>Orobanche spp.</i> (all species except the native <i>O. cernua var. australiana</i> and <i>O. minor</i>)	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Brooms	<i>Genista monspessulana</i> , <i>G. linifolia</i> , <i>Cystisus scoparius</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW

Cabomba	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Cat's claw creeper	<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Chilean needle grass	<i>Nassella neesiana</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Chinese violet	<i>Asystasia gangetica subsp. micrantha</i>	Biosecurity (Chinese Violet) Control Order 2019 applies in NSW
Eurasian water milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Fireweed	<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Frogbit/Spongeplant	<i>Limnobium spp.</i> (all species)	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Gamba Grass	<i>Andropogon gayanus</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Hawkweed	<i>Pilosella spp</i> (all species) in addition to <i>Hieracium spp</i> (all species except <i>Hieracium murorum</i>)	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Hydrocotyl/Water pennywort	<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Hymenachne	<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Karoo acacia	<i>Vachellia karroo</i> (syn. <i>Acacia karoo</i>)	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Kochia	<i>Bassia scoparia</i> (excluding subsp. <i>Trichophylla</i>)	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Koster's curse	<i>Clidemia hirta</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Lagarosiphon	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Madeira vine	<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis spp</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Mexican feather grass	<i>Nassella tenuissima</i> (syn. <i>Stipa tenuissima</i>)	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Miconia	<i>Miconia spp.</i> (all species)	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Mikania vine	<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Mimosa	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Parkinsonia	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Biosecurity (Parkinsonia) Control Orcer 2022 applies in NSW
		Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Parthenium weed	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW

		Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Pond apple	<i>Annona glabra</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Prickly acacia	<i>Vachellia nilotica (syn. Acacia nilotica)</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Prickly pears	<i>Opuntia spp. (excluding O. ficus-indica), Cyllindropuntia spp. and Austrocyllindropuntia spp.</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Rubber vine	<i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Sagittaria	<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Serrated tussock	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Siam weed	<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Silver-leaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe.subsp. Australis</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Tropical soda apple	<i>Solanum viarum</i>	Biosecurity (Tropical Soda Apple) Control Order 2022 applies in NSW
		Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Water caltrop	<i>Trapa spp. (all species)</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Water hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	Water Hyacinth Biosecurity Zone applies in some parts of NSW
		Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Water soldier	<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Willows	Salix species except <i>S.babylonica</i> , <i>S. X calodendron</i> and <i>S. x reichardtiji</i> (willows except weeping willows, pussy willow and sterile pussy)	Mandatory Measure prohibits sale within or import into NSW
Witchweed	<i>Striga spp. (except the native S. parviflora)</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW
Yellow burrhead	<i>Limnocharis flava</i>	Prohibited Matter in NSW

9. Annual Statement of Revenue Policy

For further financial information reference should be made to Council's 2024/2025 Budget and Long Term (Ten year) Financial Plan

FEES AND CHARGES

1. CONSTITUENT COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS

Each Constituent Council will contribute an equal amount annually determined by Council. The contribution will be increased annually by the allowable general rate increase (Rate peg) set by IPART. In the past, Council has limited its annual contribution increases to that of the Rate Peg set by IPART. However, this coming financial year the Rate Peg increases vary for constituent member Councils from 3.3% to 3.9%.

This being the case, Council will set the 26/27 constituent member Council contributions at the average Rate Peg for its constituent member Councils, that being 3.56%.

2. FEES

Council provides professional and specialist information in furnishing applicants with "Biosecurity Certificates" under Section 183 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.

3. CHARGES – SALE OF MERCHANDISE

Items sold to land holders for the destruction or control of weeds on private land are charged on the basis of costs plus 15% administration charge.

4. PRIVATE WORKS

All private work will be charged on the basis of external plant hire plus labour and on costs and a 15% administration charge. Hourly rate for Spray Operator and spray vehicle is \$150/hour plus 10% GST.

5. BORROWINGS

There are no proposed borrowings in accordance with Section 622 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

6. PRIVATE WORKS FOR CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

All private work carried out for Constituent Councils will be charged at \$150/hour plus 10% GST. This includes Spray Operator and spray vehicle.