

Department of Natural Resources and Mines

## Weed Management Program

### CSG Compliance Unit

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Great state. Great opportunity.



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### CSG Compliance Unit (CSGCU)

- A one-stop shop for community/landholder issues, concerns or enquiries relating to CSG
- Hosted within the Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- CSGCU works in cooperation with other units within DNRM as well as other departments such as DEHP, DAFF and GFCQ that play a role in managing the CSG industry
- A multidisciplinary team with expertise in:
  - Groundwater
  - Environmental management
  - Land access and compliance
  - Community engagement



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### Land Access Code

- Best practice guidelines for communication
- Mandatory conditions for the conduct of authorised activities



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### Mandatory Conditions

Section 15 Obligation to prevent spread of declared pests

A relevant person **MUST** take all **reasonable** steps to ensure that, in carrying out authorised activities, the person does not spread the reproductive material of a declared pest.



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Section 15 Obligation to prevent spread of declared pests

- A holder must ensure each person acting for the holder under a resource Act washes down vehicles and machinery before entering a landholder's land in the area of the resource authority, if the risk of spreading a declared pest is likely to be reduced by the washing down.
- The holder must keep a record (the **wash-down record**) of all wash-downs carried out during the period in which the holder is allowed access to the landholder's land.
- If asked by the landholder, the holder must give a copy of the wash-down record to the landholder.



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### DNRM's Proactive Approach

- Engage with industry on meeting LAC obligations
- Engage with key stakeholders to understand key challenges including weed management
- Act as intermediary between landholders and industry where issues arise
- CCA conferences
- Reactive compliance (complaints)



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### DNRM's Proactive Approach – Weed Management

- Proactive, risk-based LAC compliance audits
  - Reasonable steps
  - Wash/clean down records
  - Contractors LAC induction processes
- Key stakeholders feedback to develop a coordinated weed management program



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### Outcomes

CSG Weed Management Program will aim to:

- Minimise the spread of declared pest plant species
- Encourage best practice weed management processes between permit holders via a continuous feedback loop
- Review permit holder's weed management plans against their EA, EIS and the LAC
- Conduct risk-based in-field audits to inspect weed management processes against the LAC their EA and EIS.

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### For Government

- Enhances weed management practices of permit holders, resulting in less stakeholder complaints and potential compliance investigations, thereby reducing the regulatory burden for government.
- Builds capacity across key departments with regard to weed management

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**For Industry**

- Enhances industry standards with regard to weed management practices – compliance to best practice
- Increases industry understanding and capacity around stakeholder concerns management
- As appropriate, identify the general findings of the auditing and engagement processes with permit holders

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**Questions**



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