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Greater Geraldton
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Operational Matters

UPDATED **ATTACHMENTS**

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

CI014 REMOVAL OF TAMARISK TREES IN EASTBOURNE
ROAD, SUNSET BEACH

22 MAY 2012

Council Policy			
CP044			
WEEDS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE			
Officer	Operations Manager	Owner	Director Community Infrastructure
Review Frequency	Annually	Next Review	2013
Council Resolution number and date			
Mayor		Chief Executive Officer	

OBJECTIVE

To set a broad framework to ensure a consistent approach and clear direction for the management of declared weeds of national significance to deliver sustainable outcomes and agreed levels of service for present and future stakeholders.

SCOPE

The policy applies to Council, Councillors, Executive Management, All Staff, Committees of Management and the Community involved in the operations, maintenance and management of roads and road reserves, laneways, footpaths, bicycle paths, parks and open space including passive and active recreation areas.

This policy applies to all land within the City that is under the control or management of the City and includes land leased to or vested in the City for any purpose whatsoever.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy a Weed of National Significance is any form of vegetation declared by an Inaugural List of Weeds of National Significance 2007 (as amended) and including the Additional List of Weeds of National Significance – April 2012 to be a Weed of National Significance..

POLICY PRINCIPLES

Where Declared Weeds of National Significance are to be removed in the following circumstances, as assessed by the Parks Manager:-

1. as a risk or causing damage to City infrastructure or property;
2. as a risk to private property; and
3. as posing a risk to the natural environment.

In urban environments where the removal results in the loss of landscape, street trees or parkland tree, all relevant measures will be taken to provide suitable replacement trees. If practical replacement trees should be planted prior to the removal to ensure minimisation of impact to the surrounding community and visual amenity.

In rural environments replacement with trees and vegetation should only be considered where there is a demonstrable need for amenity, biodiversity linkages or screening.

Any removal needs to be undertaken in accordance with budget appropriations as approved by Council.

Where there are not sufficient funds to undertake whole or part works identified, as assessed by the Parks Manager, the Manager Operations will submit to Council for consideration requests for funding or alternatively seek alternate external grant funding.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION

Weeds of National Significance list - <http://www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/> as amended.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager Operations is responsible for implementing this policy