Options for the management of weeds in the road reserve adjoining my property

Manage road reserve responsibly adjoining my property to avoid spread of pest plants.

Declared weeds. *OR* Other pest plants.

Alert weeds must be reported to the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board. The board can provide advice on the best control methods.

Speak with local Council about your options.

Weed management may be scheduled under existing Council programs.

Prior to undertaking any works, seek permission from local Council via Section 221 Application.

Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board may undertake works. *OR* Prior to undertaking any works, seek permission from local Council via Section 221 Application. *OR* Undertake management of weeds yourself or engage a weed control contractor.

For further information or assistance please contact Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu, or your local Council

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Managing weeds on road reserves

This information is for property owners with land that adjoins a road reserve.

A road reserve is the portion of land that extends between a property boundary and the adjacent roadway; commonly known as the 'road verge' or 'roadside'.

Many of our road reserves contain significant remnant vegetation and plant communities that provide vital habitat and connectivity for wildlife or possess important heritage or agricultural values. However, they are often threatened by invasive weed species. Weeds on road reserves can also pose a significant threat to agricultural and horticultural enterprises.

Weeds can be split into declared weeds and non-declared weeds. Declared weeds are those weeds declared for specific sections of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019. A list of declared weeds are available on the Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) website: **pir.sa.gov.au**

This factsheet has been prepared in partnership between Adelaide Hills Council, Alexandrina Council, Mount Barker Council, District Council of Yankalilla Council, City of Victor Harbor Council and Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.

Landscape Boards have an important role to play in the effective and strategic management of weeds on road reserves. Councils also manage weeds on roadsides, in particular to protect the native vegetation under Council care, to support fire preparedness and resilience and to provide safe access for road users.

This factsheet is aimed at providing landholders, who own or lease property adjacent to road reserves, a clear view of roles and responsibilities with regard to controlling weeds in road reserves. The following frequently asked questions help to outline landholder options with respect to controlling declared pest plants on the road reserve adjacent their land and seeking the appropriate information and permissions for any other proposed works in the adjoining road reserve.

Who is responsible for management of declared pest plants on road reserves?

The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board is the authority responsible for the appropriate management of declared weeds on road reserves in the region. The board will manage declared weeds in accordance with regional priorities and plans. Under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, the Board may seek to recover costs for weed control from adjoining property owners.

Note that the Commissioner of Highways has assumed care, control and management of the whole road reserve (fence line to fence line) on Controlled Access Roads, such as the South Eastern Freeway.

What can you do to manage weeds on road reserves adjoining your property?

All alert weeds must be reported to the Board. Alert weeds are those weeds that would have significant impacts if they were to establish in the region. A list of alert weeds can be found on the PIRSA website at: **pir.sa.gov.au**

With the prior permission of the Council, individuals and community groups can also work on all weeds on road reserves.

You will need to obtain permission by applying for a Section 221 permit prior to undertaking your own control activities, or those of your contractor. It is important that you have discussions with the appropriate person in the local Council so that you are aware of other important factors such as environmental or heritage values which need to be protected and safety considerations for yourself and road users.