

Biodiversity Strategies & Weeds

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A Case Study of the Byron Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

www.byron.nsw.gov.au/envIRON_planning.shtml

What does the Byron Biodiversity Conservation Strategy aim to achieve?

- It aims to identify, protect and enhance the Shire's biodiversity through accessing reliable funds to educate the community about biodiversity issues and values, and to;
 - Protect, restore and maintain ecosystems and ecological processes through the delivery of on-ground works and planning controls;
- It provides the planning framework and direction for implementing a wide range of actions (eg guide development of planning controls and implement education programs & on-ground works).

Why use a biodiversity strategy to deal with weed issues?

- Biodiversity is integral to Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD), which is a cornerstone of our planning framework.
- Biodiversity loss is a serious environmental threat that needs to be addressed at local to global levels.
- Biodiversity is impacted by weeds in various ways (both pos & neg).
- Weeds are one of the big issues impacting on Byron's biodiversity.
- Resources – don't have many – need to prioritise where to spend first with best effect. Strategy does this.
- Understanding of weed issues, impacts and solutions varies greatly across our community.

So what is BCS proposing?

The BCS provides a clear outline of how Council and the community will deal with a range of issues impacting on biodiversity (including weeds). This is achieved through the development of an Action Plan (Part 2 - see below).

The BCS is structured in 3 parts with Part 2 providing a list of actions required and Part 3 providing a comprehensive list of weeds.

Part 1 - (Planning Framework & Context) – Background info

Part 2 - (Byron Biodiversity Action Plan) - The doing part.

82 Actions from the 9 following headings

Community Involvement and Education

Ecological Restoration

Environmental Weeds and Introduced Pests

Pollution

Threatened Species

New Planning Controls Initiatives and Mechanisms

Improving Our Knowledge

Delivery of Incentives, Educational Materials and On-ground Extension

Funding the Strategy

Part 3 - Appendices and Additional Technical Information, including 'the weed list'.