

ENVIRONMENTAL WEED CONTROL REBATE for the Control of Environmental Weeds

An activity of the Ipswich Enviroplan

What is the purpose of the Environmental Weed Control Rebate?

The rebate's purpose is to assist landholders in the control of environmental weeds. The scheme is funded through the Ipswich Enviroplan which is an environmental initiative of the Ipswich City Council to ensure that residents continue to enjoy a quality lifestyle both now and in the future.

What Assistance Is Available?

- A 50% rebate for the cost to control environmental weeds on your own property,
- A 100% rebate on the cost of herbicide only to control environmental weeds on Council owned land.
- **All rebates must be approved by Council before work commences. The assistance does not extend to declared plants.**
- For High, Medium and Low priority species, assistance is available for the purchase of herbicide. The weeds that are eligible are listed on page 2.
- For High priority species **only** assistance is available for:
 - the purchase of herbicide and the cost of contract labour to apply it
 - the cost of poisoning, felling and chipping environmental weeds (including contract labour)
- Assistance is only available for control of Category 1 and 2 environmental weeds excluding weed grasses. A full list is on page 2.
- Assistance may also be provided for the control of Category 2 grass weeds provided sufficient revegetation works are carried out as a follow up to environmental weed removal.
- The maximum rebate per rate assessment is \$400 each financial year.
- Funding is limited and the scheme will cease when monies have been expended.

How Do I Apply For The Environmental Weed Control Rebate?

Complete and detach the application form on page 3, and forward it to:

*Ipswich City Council
Conservation, Parks and Sport Department,
PO Box 191, IPSWICH QLD 4305*

Where contract labour is involved, applications **must** include at least **two detailed written quotations**.

Notes to assist you with answering the sections in the application form are on page 4. These notes detail the type of information needed and where it can be obtained, so that your application can be properly assessed.

How is the Rebate Paid?

Your application, complete with quotes, and Ipswich City Council Withholding Tax Exemption/Declaration Form will be assessed, and you will be notified of the outcome of your application by mail. If approved, your letter of approval will specify the amount and type of herbicide approved for purchase. A rebate cheque will be posted to you on presentation of a detailed receipt for approved activities.

What are Environmental Weeds?

These are introduced plants that are of particular concern because of their ability to out compete with native species and quickly invade large areas. Environmental weeds cause problems such as loss of habitat for native fauna, degradation of vegetation and stream bank environments, erosion and interference with the flow regime of rivers and creeks. The environmental weeds covered by the Ipswich City Council Environmental Weed Policy are listed on page 2.

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL WEEDS LIST

The following species are recognised as environmental weeds within Ipswich City Council and have been prioritised (high/medium/low) to highlight the importance of particular species. Also in acknowledgment that in some localities and application not all of the nominated species have a significant infestation potential, the species have been placed in two categories.

WEED CATEGORY 1.

These species are recognised as environmental weeds regardless of locations and applications. Therefore the use of any species in this category will be discouraged throughout the city.

WEED CATEGORY 2.

These species are recognised as environmental weeds in specific locations and applications, for example their economic and ornamental values are recognised in particular circumstances. Therefore the use of any species from this category will be discouraged in areas where there is a risk of them spreading into bushland.

HIGH PRIORITY SPECIES			LOW PRIORITY SPECIES		
Species Name	Common Name	Cat.	Species Name	Common Name	Cat.
<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>	Madeira Vine, Lambstails	1	<i>Aristolochia elegans</i>	Dutchman's Pipe	1
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	Balloon Vine, Heart-Seed Vine	1	<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>	Red Topped Cotton Bush	1
			<i>Caesalpinia decapetala</i>	Wait-a-While	1
<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Elm, Celtis	1	<i>Callisia fragrans</i>	Purple Succulent	1
<i>Ipomoea indica</i>	Morning Glory	1	<i>Canna indica</i>	Canna	1
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> , <i>K.elegans</i>	Golden Rain Tree, Flame Gold	1	<i>Chloris gayana</i>	Rhodes Grass	2
			<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas Grass	1
<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>	Cat's Claw Creeper	1	<i>Corymbia torelliana</i>	Cadagi, Cadaghi	1
<i>Protasparagus africanus</i>	Climbing Asparagus	1	<i>Gomphocarpus physocarpus</i>	Balloon Cotton Bush	1
<i>Solanum seaforthianum</i>	Brazilian Nightshade	1	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	1
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	Singapore Daisy	1	<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	Creeping Lantana	1
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Leucaena	2	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese Honeysuckle	2
<i>Salix babylonica</i>	Weeping Willow	2	<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i>	Fishbone Fern	1
			<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Tree Tobacco	1
MEDIUM PRIORITY SPECIES			<i>Panicum maximum</i>	Green Panic	2
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Camphor Laurel	1	<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i>	Paspalum	2
<i>Duranta erecta</i>	Duranta, Sky Flower, Pidgeon Berry	1	<i>Passiflora suberosa</i>	Corky Passion Vine	1
			<i>Phytolacca octandra</i>	Inkweed	1
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda	2	<i>Pinus spp.</i>	Pine Tree	1
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> , <i>L. sinense</i>	Privet (Large-leaved, Small-leaved)	1	<i>Protasparagus densiflorus</i>	Asparagus Fern	1
			<i>Protasparagus plumosus</i>	Climbing Asparagus Fern	1
<i>Macroptilium atropurpureum</i>	Siratro	2	<i>Ochna serrulata</i>	Ochna, Mickey Mouse Bush	1
<i>Morus alba</i> , <i>M.nigra</i> , <i>M.rubra</i>	Mulberry	2	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Bush	1
			<i>Rivina humilis</i>	Bloodberry, Coral Berry	1
<i>Neonotonia wightii</i>	Glycine	2	<i>Rubus spp</i>	Blackberry	1
<i>Senna floribunda</i>	Smooth Senna	1	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Salvia	1
<i>Senna pendula var.</i> <i>glabrata</i>	Easter Cassia	1	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i>	Mother-in-law's Tongue	1
			<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	Umbrella Tree	1
<i>Sorghum halpense</i>	Johnson Grass	2	<i>Solanum mauritianum</i>	Wild Tobacco	1
<i>Tipuana tipu</i>	Tipuana, Rosewood Racehorse Tree	2	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Blackberry Nightshade	1
			<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	African Tulip Tree	1
<i>Tradescantia albiflora</i>	Wandering Jew	1	<i>Phyllostachys spp</i>	Bamboo	1
			<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	Queen Palm, Cocos Palm	1
LOW PRIORITY SPECIES			<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Black-eyed Susan	1
<i>Acacia fareniana</i>	Mimosa Bush	1	<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i>	Blue Thunbergia	1
<i>Albizia lebeck</i>	Indian Siris	2	<i>Verbena tenuisecta</i>	Mayne's Pest	1
<i>Alternanthera dentata</i>	Alternanthera	2			



IPSWICH ENVIROPLAN

Environmental Weed Control Rebate Application Form

PROPERTY OWNERS DETAILS:

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____ **Postcode:** _____

Telephone/s: W:() _____ H:() _____ Mobile: _____

Facsimile: () _____ **Email:** _____

PROJECT DETAILS: (please refer to notes on reverse side of page)

Site Address (if different from above): _____ **Postcode:** _____

Property description of Site: Lot _____ RP _____ **Rates Assessment No. or PPN No:** _____

Land tenure: Private ownership Council owned

Records of herbicides, application rates and dates used will be required for Council owned land if successful

Total area of work site: _____ **Density of infestation:** light moderate heavy

WEEDS TARGETED AND CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Weed	Control Method	Chemical & Rate	Approx total volume (l)	Volume of subsidy (l)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

only complete if applying for herbicide rebate

FOLLOW UP TREATMENT AND REVEGETATION PLANS:

CONTRACTOR COMPONENT: (please attach two quotes)

Contractor Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Quote:** \$ _____

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Do you require any further information on environmental weeds: Yes No

Do you intend to apply for plants from Council's free plant program? Yes No

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY (must be completed to process application)

I state that the information in this application is true and correct, that all payments will be used only for the purpose(s) as listed in this application, and that safe work practices and procedures will be followed.

Signature/s: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature: _____	Date: _____	Catchment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	Application No: _____	Sub-Catchment: _____
		Division: _____

NOTES For Completing The Application

- **Property description of Site:** Details can be found on your rates notice.
- **Land Tenure:** Owners of private property are eligible to claim a 50% rebate upon approval of application. Applications for environmental weed control on Council owned land may claim a 100% rebate on the cost of herbicide only.
- **Total area:** The total area of the site in hectares. Please also indicate the density of the infestation of weeds.
- **Weeds targeted and control techniques:** **You need to tell us what you are planning to do.** If you are not sure, assistance for details of weed identification, control techniques, recommended herbicides and rates can be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Land Protection Branch, Ph: (07) 3884 5300.
- **Details of optional contractor component:** You must forward copies of two quotations. Record the contractors name, contact number and estimated costs as they appear on the quotes. Describe in detail the work to be undertaken. **DO NOT COMMENCE WORK UNTIL NOTIFIED BY COUNCIL.**
- **Follow up treatment and revegetation:** It is essential that the site be regularly maintained and native species be replanted as soon as possible after the initial removal of environmental weeds because many of the environmental weeds are prolific seeders and reproduce rapidly, particularly once the site is opened up. The removal of large weed species may cause soil instability and lead to erosion contributing to siltation of the creek/river system.
- **Council's Free Tree Program:** This program provides from eight up to 100 free plants per financial year to landholders in various categories from urban residents to primary producers. Application forms are available from Ipswich City Council, Conservation Parks & Sport Department, Telephone (07) 3810 6810.

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