



NOXIOUS WEED FACT SHEET

NAME: **Pampas Grass**

BOTANICAL NAME: *Cortaderia spp.*

ORIGINS: A native of South America. Originally used as a garden plant, it has naturalised and is now a serious threat to our native bushland along the NSW coastline.

NOXIOUS WEED CATEGORY: Class 4 – The growth & spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in management plan published by LCA

DESCRIPTION: Dense perennial tussocky grass 2 to 4 metres in height. Leaves about 1 metre long. Finely serrated and will cut if handled. Large white feather duster type flower heads.

BIOLOGY: Up to 100 000 seeds per flower head and is readily dispersed by wind.

HABITAT: Found in domestic gardens and disturbed areas such as disused quarries, vacant lots and neglected bushland.

DETRIMENTAL AFFECTS: Dense infestations create fire hazards.

See other side for control methods.



CONTROL METHODS:

Early control is essential to avoid major problems.

Mechanical

Small plants (seedlings) can be controlled by physical removal, after digging or pulling out, plants should be placed so that roots are not in contact with the ground and allow to dry out.

Gloves should be worn at all times to prevent cuts to hands.

Chemical

Any of the Glyphosate herbicides will give good control if applied correctly. The entire plant should be treated with the recommended concentration of herbicide. Refer to the product label for information.

Always read the label before using any pesticides. All chemicals **MUST** be used strictly in accordance with the registered label for the product.

Biological

No biological control agents are available at present.

For additional information, contact the Vegetation Control Officer at Lake Macquarie City Council – (02) 49210360

