

UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Priority weeds to be targeted in Autumn aerial spraying program

Upper Macquarie County Council will start its next aerial weed spraying campaign in late February 2018 and is calling on landowners to sign up and tackle weed infestations on their land.

The Upper Macquarie County Council is the local control authority for weeds biosecurity threats (noxious weeds) in the Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney and Oberon Shire Councils and the Lithgow City Council areas.

“Upper Macquarie County Council undertook a very successful aerial spraying campaign in Spring 2017 and now will follow this up with its next program starting in February 2018” said Upper Macquarie County Council Chairman Cr Ian North. “In the Autumn program we sprayed almost 2,000 hectares, targeting lands affected by serrated tussock.”

“The Autumn 2018 program will focusses principally on serrated tussock and blackberry” said Cr North.

“Serrated tussock is one of the worst weeds in Australia, it spreads quickly and can cause significant losses in production capabilities on properties.”

“Blackberry is a weed of national significance and is highly invasive, reducing pasture production, restrict access to water and land and can provide food and shelter for pest animals such as foxes and rabbits” Cr North said.

Landholders who would like more information about the spraying program or to register their interest in taking part should email admin@umcc.nsw.gov.au

More information on biosecurity weed threats and their control can be found on at umcc.nsw.gov.au

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