

NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION 2005

Order under cl. 17, Listing *Leptospermum laevigatum* as a Feral Native Plant Species

I, Carmel Tebbutt, Minister administering the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*, by this order under clause 17 of the *Native Vegetation Regulation 2005*, list *Leptospermum laevigatum* as a feral native plant species for the specified land.

Definitions

In this order, "specified land" means land within the Local Government Areas of Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Richmond River, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour and Bellingen; and within the Coastal Zone (i.e. 1km of the coast of estuary shoreline); and on, or adjoining, land previously subject to sand-mining for heavy metals.

Conditions

This listing is made subject to the following conditions.

Leptospermum laevigatum can only be cleared on the specified land above as a Routine Agricultural Management Activity if all the following management conditions are met.

- I. The removal of the species is part of a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) endorsed in writing by the General Manager of the Northern Rivers CMA before on-site work commences and satisfactorily addresses the following issues:
 - The Vegetation Management Plan includes appropriate species selection, replanting methods and densities;
 - A search of the site for threatened flora and fauna has been conducted and the removal of *L. laevigatum* will be undertaken in a manner that causes no harm to individual plant specimens or the viability of local fauna populations;
 - The specific method(s) of *L. laevigatum* removal is to be specified in the Vegetation Management Plan. In environmentally sensitive areas (slopes greater than 18 degrees or sand dunes or skeletal or rocky soils or in riparian areas defined in the Table 1 below) clearing is to be of individual plants with no, or minimal, disturbance of groundcover. Appropriate methods may include selective herbicide application, cut and paint techniques, manually pulling out plants, use of hand-held equipment and power tools, or machine grubbing. In less environmentally sensitive areas limited use of heavier machinery may be acceptable;
 - All other locally occurring native species and habitat features are to be retained; and
 - *L. laevigatum* can be selectively removed from no more than 5 ha per cadastral parcel per calendar year;
- II. A satisfactory management program is detailed in the VMP and adequate maintenance will be implemented at the expense of the land manager; and
- III. Any approvals required from other authorities have been obtained before removal of *L. laevigatum*.

Signed:



Carmel Tebbutt MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Climate Change and the Environment

Date:

Table 1. Widths of riparian areas. Figures are distances (m) from the top of each bank if defined, otherwise from the centre of the stream.

Location	Size of stream			
	Minor watercourses, flood runners and effluents	Minor creeks and lagoons	Minor rivers, wetlands and major creeks	Major rivers and important wetlands
Coast & tablelands	10m	20m	30m	40m
Estuarine areas	50m from the astronomical high tide mark (where no obvious bank).			