



Lantana Chemical Subsidy Program

What is the Lantana Chemical Subsidy Program?

Council has received Australian Government funding through the *Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts During Drought Program*, to offer a 100% chemical subsidy for the control lantana throughout the Somerset local government area.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Assist communities in managing the negative impacts of lantana on agriculture production and increase farm profitability.
- Facilitate local employment.
- Stimulate local economic activity.
- Assist landholders in meeting their general Biosecurity obligation under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

How do I participate in the program?

Complete and submit to Council the attached expression of interest form to participate in the program. Council will then arrange for project partner, Healthy Land and Water (HLW) to contact you and arrange a site meeting. The HLW officer will assist you in completing a Property Pest Management Plan detailing the agreed works to treat lantana on your property. Once the plan is approved, your property information and details will be added to a register to receive the subsidy.

How do I make a claim?

Approved landholders can claim the subsidy by:

- Purchasing approved chemical at a business operating within the Somerset Region.
- Submitting their receipt and tax invoice at any of Council's Customer Service Centers. At this stage, 50% of the subsidy will be paid.
- The final 50% of the subsidy payment will be made following treatment of lantana as detailed

in the Property Pest Management Plan. This will be verified by an officer from HLW.

- Subsidy payments will only be made to Somerset Regional Council rate accounts nominated by the subsidy claimant.

Are there limits to subsidy payments?

- The subsidy is available until funds are expended or the end of the project period on 31 December 2021.
- Chemical subsidy payments to any landholder or entity will be limited to \$5,000 for the first round of the subsidy program. This will be reviewed and amended at the discretion of the CEO.
- Chemical subsidy payments will be made to Somerset Regional Council rate accounts nominated by the subsidy claimant.

Please note: These are payments made on behalf of the claimant at a date to be determined by Council and are not rate rebates by Somerset Regional Council.

What are the Restricted Invasive Plants and approved chemicals included in the program?

Invasive plants	Approved herbicides
lantana, common lantana (<i>Lantana camara</i>)	Grazon Extra, Hotshot, Lantana 600 or equivalent generic brands
creeping lantana (<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>)	Grazon Extra, Hotshot, Lantana 600 or equivalent generic brands

For more information, or to participate in the program, visit www.somerset.qld.gov.au or phone Council's pest management team on (07) 5424 4000.



Lantana. Pictures courtesy of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

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Expression of Interest

Name		Date	
Address			
Phone number			
Email address			
Property Description			
Are you a primary producer?			
If yes, what do you produce?			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have infestations of lantana on my land and hereby submit an expression of interest to participate in the Lantana Chemical Subsidy Program.			
Landholder Signature			

Acknowledgement – This program is funded by Australian Government through the Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts During Drought Program