Somerset
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Policy Subject/Title:	**Chemical Subsidy Program Policy**
Policy Number:	**PED/001**

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Responsible Officer:	Senior Environmental Health Officer
Legislative or Regulatory Reference:	*Biosecurity Act 2014*
Authorised by:	Somerset Regional Council
Authorised on:	11 September 2013 (Doc Id 719859)
Review / Amendment dates:	26 September 2016 (Doc Id 911772)

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide for a consistent application of Council's Chemical Subsidy Program.

2. BACKGROUND

Council provides an incentive program to assist landholders in complying with their obligations under the *Biosecurity Act 2014.*

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance to Council officers on the criteria for eligibility and payment of subsidies to landholders under the Chemical Subsidy Program.

4. SCOPE

This policy applies throughout the Somerset Regional Council area.

5. POLICY

This policy is applicable to any chemical subsidy offered to Somerset Regional Council landholders for the control of invasive plants under the *Biosecurity Act 2014.*

(A) Chemical Subsidy payments will be applicable to:

- A specific list of invasive plants approved by the Chief Executive Officer, and
- A specific list of registered chemical approved by to Chief Executive Officer, and
- Somerset Regional Council landholders who have an property pest management plan approved by an authorised pest management officer, and
- Chemicals purchased from a business with-in the Somerset Regional Council area.

(B) Subsidy Amounts and Claims

- Subsidy payments will be up to one third of the costs of the registered chemical.
- To claim the subsidy, landholders must purchase the chemical and present a receipt to council.
- Subsidy payments to any landholder or entity will be limited to **20%** of the total chemical subsidy budgeted by Council in any financial year.
- Subsidies will be payable in each financial year until Council's budget allocation for chemical subsidies is exhausted.
- Payments will be subject to compliance by the landholder with their approved

property pest management plan to the satisfaction of an authorised pest management officer.

6. EFFECTIVE FROM

11 September 2013.



Signed: Date: 28 September 2016