



Chemical Subsidy Program

What is the Chemical Subsidy Program?

Somerset Regional Council offers a Chemical Subsidy Program to support landholders in meeting their general Biosecurity obligation under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. The program applies to restricted invasive plants; Mother of millions, Giant rats tail grass, Parthenium, Annual ragweed, and Fireweed and allows approved landholders to receive a subsidy of one-third of the herbicide cost upon presentation of receipts to Council (conditions apply).

How do I participate in the program?

Phone Council to arrange for a pest management officer to conduct a site inspection and recommend appropriate management strategies. The officer can assist you in completing a Property Pest Management Plan detailing how the invasive plant can be controlled. Once the plan is approved, the 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 at any Council office by submitting their receipt and tax invoice for the agreed herbicide purchased in the Somerset region. Pest management officers will monitor the use of herbicide by the landholders and monitor the progress of each Property Pest Management Plan.

Are there limits to subsidy payments?

The subsidy is available until funds are expended, however, subsidy payments to any landholder or entity will be limited to 20% of the total chemical subsidy budgeted by Council in any financial year. Chemical subsidy payments will be made to Somerset Regional Council rate accounts nominated by the subsidy claimant.

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 herbicide
Mother of millions	AFFRAY 300
Giant rats tail grass	Taskforce
Parthenium	Brush off
Annual ragweed	Amicide 625
Fireweed	Grazon Extra, Hotshot, and AFFRAY 300

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



Mother of millions. Picture Courtesy: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.



Giant rats tail. Picture courtesy: The Weed Society of Queensland Inc.



Parthenium. Picture courtesy: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.



Annual ragweed. Picture courtesy: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.



Fireweed. Picture courtesy: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.