

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* (as a consequence of a recent statutory review of the Act) as follows:

- (a) to revise certain of the objects of the Act,
- (b) to clarify the land in relation to which a plant is a noxious weed,
- (c) to enable the Minister to regulate or prohibit the bringing of noxious weed material into NSW,
- (d) to enable local control authorities to require owners of land subject to a weed control order to provide details of the occupiers of the land,
- (e) to extend control measures in relation to agricultural machines to machinery and equipment,
- (f) to extend provision for border inspections of agricultural machinery from Queensland to machinery or equipment entering NSW from anywhere in Australia,
- (g) to enable the Minister to grant exemptions from certain provisions of the Act in relation to Class 2 noxious weeds that are notifiable only on Lord Howe Island,
- (h) to extend certain powers of inspectors to deal with noxious weed material so as to enable them to deal with (including to take samples, photographs or video recordings of) any thing they reasonably suspect to be or to contain noxious weed material,
- (i) to make it clear that the functions of local control authorities under the Act may only be delegated under the Act,
- (j) to make other minor or consequential amendments (including standardising terminology and providing for matters of a savings or transitional nature).