



FASNZ Inc. Pest Plants Policy and Guidelines for Designers, Teachers, Lecturers, Judges and Convenors

As FASNZ Inc. Designers, Teachers, Judges and Convenors it is important that we are aware of pest plants under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and respect our Biosecurity Laws.

A pest plant is an introduced species that, due to its invasive habits, has a detrimental effect on the New Zealand environment.

Pest plants threaten our indigenous plants in our bush/forests and wetlands. They may block waterways, causing flooding and degradation of habitat for aquatic flora and fauna, compete with bush/forest regeneration, smother indigenous plants, affect crops and pastures and may be toxic to animals. Many are also a nuisance to farmers, in suburban gardens and may cause health problems in some people. It is important that we control pest plants and stop them from spreading.

The **National Pest Plant Accord** (NPPA) is a New Zealand agreement that identifies pest plants that are prohibited from sale and commercial propagation and distribution. The NPPA is a cooperative agreement between the Nursery and Garden Industry Association, Regional Councils and Government Departments with biosecurity responsibilities.

On the Ministry of Primary Industries website www.mpi.govt.nz under Bio Security, a booklet (frequently updated) with all the pest plants is linked as a PDF. The most up-to-date booklet should be used as reference to identify National Pest Plants.

Sixteen Regional Authorities throughout New Zealand have adopted **Regional Pest Management Strategies** (RPMSs) that provide a strategic and statutory framework for efficient and effective management of pest plants and animals in their region.

Each Regional Council has its own list of pest plants which specifically applies to that region. This list applies over and above the NPPA.

It is the responsibility of each member to check out their own Regional Council.

Northland	TEL 0800 002 004	www.nrc.govt.nz
Auckland	TEL (09) 301 0101	www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
Waikato	TEL 0800 800 401	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz
Bay of Plenty	TEL 0800 884 880	www.boprc.govt.nz
Gisborne	TEL (06) 867 2049	www.gdc.govt.nz
Taranaki	TEL (06) 765 7127	www.trc.govt.nz
Hawke's Bay	TEL (06) 835 9200	www.hbrc.govt.nz
Manawatu	TEL 0508 800 800	www.horizons.govt.nz
Wellington	TEL 0800 496 734	www.gw.govt.nz
Tasman	TEL (03) 543 8400	www.tasman.govt.nz
Nelson	TEL (03) 546 0200	www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz
Marlborough	TEL (03) 520 7400	www.marlborough.govt.nz
West Coast	TEL 0508 800 118	www.wcrc.govt.nz
Canterbury	TEL 0800 324 636	www.ecan.govt.nz
Otago	TEL 0800 474 082	www.orc.govt.nz
Southland	TEL 0800 768 845	www.es.govt.nz

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PEST PLANT MATERIAL: No member shall knowingly display or exhibit any plant material on the National Plant Accord list and the appropriate Regional Pest Plant List at any public Show/Exhibition. (A breach of this rule will be an offense under section 154 (m) of the Act 1993.)

FASNZ Inc. Clubs and Areas

- The use of pest plants in floral designing by any member is to be actively discouraged.
- The National and Regional pest plant accord lists should be actively promoted at all Clubs/Areas.

Unit Tests, Area Day Schedules, Show Schedules and Exhibition Rules

- Schedules and Unit Test information must have a ruling that **NO** pest plants are to be used.

Convenors

- The Convenor has the overall responsibility to oversee that pest plant material is not used.
- If the Convenor feels her knowledge of pest plants is inadequate the organising committee should appoint a person conversant with the National and Regional pest plant accords.
- The Designer will be asked to remove the pest plant material in question and if necessary, remove the design.

Designers

- It is the Designer's responsibility **NOT** to use any pest plant material in their designs.
- In a Unit Test, at an Area Day, public Show/Exhibition the Designer will be asked to remove the pest plant material by the Convenor and/or Steward.
- In the event that a design does include any pest plant material the design will not be judged/marked.
- Any design with pest plant material submitted for the **FASNZ Inc. Diary** will not be accepted.

Show Judges, Area Day Judges and Markers for Unit Test Designs

- The Judge/Marker is there to judge/mark the design using the Fundamentals of Design.
- In the event that a design does include any pest plant material, the Judges/Markers will not judge/mark the design.

Unit Assignment and Written Test Makers

- In an assignment all pest plant materials in a photo must be identified.
- In a written test paper, pest plant material is only acceptable when the question specifically asks for it.

Demonstrating Unit Tests, Qualified Demonstrators and Club and Area Demonstrators

- It is the Demonstrator's responsibility **NOT** to use any pest plant material during their demonstrations.

Teachers, Lecturers and Workshop Tutors

- Impart the above information to students.
- Recommend and teach with alternative plant material.
- Recommend ways of disposing of the pest plant material.

WAFA

- That the World Association of Floral Artists (WAFA) competitors must abide by the New Zealand Government Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) rules as stated below.

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Research Available

Below are some initial sources of information for members to be aware.

www.mpi.govt.org

- [Unwanted organism register](#) this is a register of all the unwanted organisms in New Zealand. It can be used to check whether a plant is an unwanted organism.
- Weedbusters.org.nz this website has lots of information on weeds / pest plants. The 'Plant Me Instead' booklets for different regions are on this site.
- The [National Pest Plant Accord](#) is on the www.mpi.govt.nz website. This explains about the Accord. A booklet (frequently updated) with all the pest plants is linked as a PDF. The most up-to-date booklet should be used as reference to identify pest plants.
- [Key to the Weed Species of New Zealand](#) – is a tool by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research to identify weeds/pest plants. There are notes alongside the plants to say if they are included on the NPPA, council's Regional Pest Management Plans and/or DOCs Environmental Weeds list.
- [Department of Conservation](#) has a page on weeds.
- Each regional council also has plant pests that they manage. Their websites have information on this.