

Pest Plants and Animals (Pest Plants) Declaration 2008 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2008–44

made under the

Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005, s 7 (Declaration of pest plant)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The purpose of the *Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005* is to protect the ACT's land and aquatic resources from threats from pest plants and pest animals, to promote a strategic approach to pest management, to identify pest plants and animals, and to manage pest plants and animals.

The Minister may declare a plant to be a pest plant under section 7 of the Act. Declarations are disallowable instruments.

This instrument revokes Disallowable Instrument DI2007-228 (the former instrument declaring pest plants in the ACT) and replaces it with a revised list of pest plants.

This instrument also declares, in accordance with section 7 of the Act:

- which pest plants are notifiable pest plants (the presence of such plants must be notified to the departmental Chief Executive responsible for the Act within 2 working days);
- which pest plants are to be suppressed;
- which pest plants are to be contained and
- which pest plants whose propagation and supply is prohibited.

The intention of declaring a pest plant as notifiable pest plants is to tackle new pest incursions. Plants declared as notifiable pest plants have limited distribution or do not currently exist in the ACT. Notification of these species will facilitate a speedy response to new pest incursions.

All notifiable pest plants are also declared to be prohibited pest plants in order to address the main source of new or potential incursions, which is supply and propagation.

This instrument adds Mexican feather grass (*nasella tenuissima*) to the list of declared pest plants in the ACT, as a result of its detection in the ACT. In addition, this instrument declares this plant to be both a notifiable pest plant and a plant whose propagation and supply is prohibited. In all other respects this instrument is substantially the same as the former instrument declaring pest plants.