

INDUSTRY ISSUES	INDUSTRY STANDARD
<p>WEED CONTROL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed control is not carried out by experienced operators • Correct identification of weeds • Incorrect chemicals used in spraying operations • Tenderers not quoting on specified chemical in order to reduce tender price 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All operators must have appropriate licenses. • All contractors must have experience in weed control in bushland areas. • All personnel to be competent in weed recognition. • Specific recording sheet including: tank mixes, chemical used, environmental conditions, weeds targeted, area treated and location. • Itemised costing of named chemicals to be provided in tender documents.
<p>References: Dept of Agriculture WA: (Includes Code of Practice for chemical use, State Weed Plan, Prohibited weed species) Environmental Weeds Action Network: Weeds Society of WA: Weed Society of WA (Includes the reference book Western Weeds) APACE (Revegetation nursery, training courses) Australian Association of Bush Regenerators: Dept. of the Environment & Heritage : (Maintains a register of Weeds of national significance) CRC for Weed Management: Dept of Health WA (license pesticide operators and chemicals)</p>	<p>http://www.agric.wa.gov.au</p> <p>http://members.iinet.net.au/~ewan/</p> <p>http://members.iinet.net.au/~weeds</p> <p>http://web.argo.net.au/apace/index.html</p> <p>http://www.aabr.com.au</p> <p>http://www.deh.gov.au</p> <p>http://www.weeds.crc.org.au/ http://www.health.wa.gov.au/home/</p>
<p>TOPSOIL MANAGEMENT & SURFACE PREPARATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members must pursue current best practice techniques • Effective topsoil management includes consideration of <u>all</u> the options including: stripping weed seed bank and discarding, stripping clean topsoil, storing then replacing on site, preparing existing top soil with ripping if required and scarifying.
<p>References: Goldfields Environmental Management Group: Australian Centre for Minerals Extension & Research Centre for Land Rehabilitation, UWA: Dept. of Industry & Resources Chamber of Minerals & Energy, WA. Dept. of the Environment & Heritage</p>	<p>http://www.gemg.org.au/sponsors.html</p> <p>http://www.acmer.com.au/</p> <p>http://www.clr.uwa.edu.au/</p> <p>http://www.doir.wa.gov.au/</p> <p>http://www.cmewa.com/</p> <p>http://www.deh.gov.au/</p>

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<p>SEEDLING SUPPLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of seedlings supplied 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase only from accredited nurseries. • Size of pots should match requirements for project bearing in mind establishment period, species and budget. • Seedlings, soil and containers should be free of disease, weeds and damaging pathogens. • Seedlings should be inspected at nursery during the growing season to check on numbers and adequate root development. • Plant numbers supplied must match those tendered/quoted. • Requested provenance plant material must be used to produce seedlings.
<p>TRAINING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members are encouraged to educate/acquaint themselves with current industry innovations and best practise methods and techniques. • RIAWA supports all relevant OHS legislation and practices. • All personnel should be trained to appropriate standard or competencies for the tasks undertaken. (Various TAFE's offer some components that relate directly, in courses such as Conservation & Land Management.)