

Situation report – Groundsel bush, Somersby (NSW Central Coast)

Sitrep No. - 4

Date of issue – 5 Feb 2019

1. Situation to date

- In December 2017, the Central Coast Council Biosecurity Officer (Weeds) detected groundsel bush (*Baccharis halimifolia*) in a commercial/industrial area at Somersby.
- Central Coast Council completed surveillance of the area, finding between 5,000 and 10,000 plants growing in bushland and several commercial/industrial properties – see attached map.
- A Weed Risk Assessment indicated that the infestation should be **eradicated**.
- Central Coast Council issued Individual Biosecurity Directions (IBDs) to each landholder.
- All land managers have completed the actions contained in the IBDs and all primary treatment has been completed.
- Several stumps on private land have reshoot and have been treated.
- New seedlings appearing on the council roadside have been sprayed.

2. Actions to date

- Delimitation of the infestation.
- Herbarium confirmation that plant is groundsel bush (*Baccharis halimifolia*).
- The Invasive Species Officer for the GS region (NSW DPI) and the GS RWC have been notified about the new incursion.
- The GS RWC has endorsed the inclusion of groundsel bush in the GS RSWMP.
- The location of the incursion, all weed control activities and follow-up inspections have been reported to the Biosecurity Information System.
- The Regional Weed Coordinator has notified other weed control authorities, other land management agencies and other stakeholders.

3. Actions to be completed

- Inclusion of groundsel bush in the GS RSWMP.
- Ongoing monitoring to check for any regrowth from stumps and for seedlings.

4. Issue(s)

- N/A

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Figure 1: Groundsel bush pictures from weedwise.



Figure 2: Size of largest treated stump

Map 1 Groundsel inspection area, 15 December 2017



Yellow = inspection area, Red = extend of spread of groundsel bush

