

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Licensed Weed Control Contractor

Southern Biosecurity Group (SBG)

Shire of Ravensthorpe, WA

Background

The Southern Biosecurity Group (SBG) is a recognised Biosecurity Group operating within the Shire of Ravensthorpe under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (WA)*. SBG delivers coordinated pest and weed management programs across approximately 1.3 million hectares of land, including significant areas of Unallocated Crown Land and reserves.

As part of our **Autumn/Winter 2026 control program**, SBG is seeking to engage a suitably qualified and experienced **licensed weed control contractor** to assist with targeted control activities across priority sites.

Scope of Works

The successful contractor will be engaged to undertake weed control activities targeting:

- **Bridal Creeper** (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- **Apple of Sodom** (*Solanum linnaeanum*)
- **Cacti species**, including *Opuntia spp.* (e.g. drooping prickly pear)

Work will include, but is not limited to:

- Chemical control (foliar spraying, cut-stump, basal bark as appropriate)
 - Manual/mechanical control where required
 - Support and integration with biological control programs (e.g. cochineal where applicable)
 - Treatment of infestations across varied terrain including bushland, reserves, and road verges
 - Follow-up control and monitoring of previously treated sites
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Program Timing

- **Commencement:** April 2026 (subject to seasonal conditions)
 - **Duration:** Through Autumn/Winter period (approx. April – August 2026)
 - **Scheduling:** Flexible, weather-dependent, and coordinated with SBG program priorities
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Key Requirements

Interested contractors must demonstrate:

- Current **Commercial Operator Licence** (pesticide use) in Western Australia
 - Relevant experience in weed control, particularly with:
 - Bridal Creeper
 - Apple of Sodom
 - Cacti species
 - Sound knowledge of:
 - Herbicide selection and application techniques
 - Environmental considerations and off-target risk management
 - Ability to work in remote and regional environments
 - Appropriate insurances, including:
 - Public Liability Insurance
 - Workers Compensation (if applicable)
 - Valid driver's licence and suitable, well-maintained equipment
 - Strong record-keeping and reporting capability
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Deliverables & Reporting

The contractor will be required to:

- Map and record treated areas (GPS-based data preferred)
 - Provide brief activity reports including:
 - Location of works
 - Area treated (hectares)
 - Methods used
 - Observations (weed density, regrowth, etc.)
 - Supply before-and-after photos where practical
 - Adhere to all permit, safety, and environmental requirements
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Selection Criteria

Submissions will be assessed based on:

- Demonstrated experience and capability
- Understanding of target species and control methods

- Capacity to deliver within required timeframe
 - Value for money
 - Compliance with licensing and insurance requirements
 - Experience working with biosecurity groups or government agencies (desirable)
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Submission Requirements


EOI submissions should include:

- Company profile and relevant experience
 - Details of licences and certifications
 - Summary of previous similar work
 - Equipment and resources available
 - Indicative rates (hourly or per hectare, if applicable)
 - Availability for the program period
 - At least two referees
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Submission Details

EOIs must be submitted via email to:

Southern Biosecurity Group

 eo@southernbiosecuritygroup.org

Closing Date: 17 April 2026 @ 4pm

Further Information

For further information, please contact via email:

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Additional Information

SBG reserves the right to:

- Not accept any submission
- Engage one or multiple contractors
- Negotiate scope and pricing with preferred applicants