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- Drill and fill with herbicide
- Over spray or wick wipe with herbicide
- Dig out (by hand or with machinery)

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- Establish why you would like to remove the weed and what you will replace the weed with in the long term.
- Decide which control method you wish to use.
- Identify non-target species or native plants and plan how these will be avoided during the control program.
- Set monthly and yearly targets.
- If using chemicals
  - Determine if you have the skills, qualifications and equipment to undertake the work.
  - Contact a weed controller who will advise you on the correct and appropriate use of the weed as well as any safety equipment.
  - Discuss with your chemical supplier the most appropriate chemical for your job.
  - Always read the label on the container and use as recommended.
  - Wear appropriate safety equipment as stated on the label especially during mixing.
  - Keep children and pets away from the treated area for a number of days.
  - If weeds are near public areas or boundaries, erect a notice for the public so they can avoid the area.

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