

# Beechwood Biological Solutions Newsletter

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## Fungus a “bureacracy-appointed chemical”

*We are still pushing for a change of law to allow this native fungus to be used for the control of Giant Parramatta Grass and Giant Rat's Tail Grass*



THANK YOU to all who have helped the campaign to exempt the native soil fungus *Nigrospora oryzae* from regulation by the APVMA. More than 1,000 of you have already signed the petition and we're delivering it to our local MP in August. If you haven't already, please click [here](#) to sign and leave a comment.

Your comments inspire us to continue with our important work. Thanks Matthew for this perspective: *"Such a wonderfully elegant solution not being embraced and encouraged will look ludicrous to future generations"*.

We've made it easy for you to [email your local MP](#) and the Minister for Agriculture. You can add some of your own words or just your name and address. Letters to MPs raise their awareness and get results. Our latest letter from the Minister for Agriculture led us into discussion with an APVMA officer who is working with us towards obtaining a "minor use permit". If we get the permit we'll let you all know straight away.

Meanwhile, we'll leave you with a couple more of your comments that keep us going:

*"It is ridiculous that a naturally occurring fungus becomes a bureacracy-appointed chemical."*

*"I support local industries coming up with safe solutions to regional problems. You want innovation? Well give this mob a fair go!"*



Giant rat's tail grass affected by crown rot, Mareeba: July 2017



Sid Clayton, Mareeba Shire Council's Pest Management Officer in a patch of Giant rat's tail grass where Parra Trooper was applied in February 2017. Photo: July 2017

Thanks Kim and Susie.

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