

## Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 12: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 4	Corrections or additions to GS RSWMP
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes to the GS RSWMP endorsed by the GS RWC</li><li>• RSWMP review process_May 2018</li><li>• Weed Risk Assessments:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Common pampas grass (<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>)-widespread</li><li>○ Common pampas grass (<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>)-isolated</li><li>○ <i>Asparagus viratus</i></li><li>○ Rhus tree (<i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>)</li><li>○ Tiger pear (<i>Opuntia aurantiaca</i>)</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p><b>Review process</b></p> <p>The RSWMP is intended to be a “living” document, in that it requires regular and ongoing updating and corrections as further information becomes available about priority weed species and their management in the region, and as errors are identified. However there is no prescribed process for how any updates and amendments will be made.</p> <p>There have been a number of corrections to the GS RSWMP identified and endorsed by the RWC (attached as “Changes to the GS RSWMP endorsed by the GS RWC”), and it is now also proposed to consider 4 new species for addition to Appendix 1.2 “Regional priority weeds”.</p> <p>Therefore a process is required to incorporate these, and future changes in the RSWMP. A process is proposed as described in the attached document “RSWMP review process_May 2018”.</p> <p><b>Amendments to Appendix 1.2</b></p> <p>Four species have been identified for addition to Appendix 1.2 of the Greater Sydney RSWMP. These have been nominated due to either being omitted through an oversight or because of the risk posed by the weed to either human health or the environment.</p> <p>The weeds nominated are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common Pampas Grass (<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>). This was an omission whereby only Pink Pampas (<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>) was included in App1.2.</li><li>• Broom Asparagus (<i>Asparagus virgatus</i>). This was an omission, in that all other previously listed Asparagus species had been carried over from the repealed Noxious Weeds Act with the exception of this species.</li><li>• Rhus Tree (<i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>). This tree is currently listed in Appendix 2, and presents both a significant environmental risk as well as a health risk to the public.</li><li>• Tiger Pear (<i>Opuntia aurantiaca</i>). This species is not common in the Sydney region but presents a significant risk to the environment and the health of humans and livestock.</li></ul> <p>Weed Risk Assessments (WRA) have been carried out for each species for the Sydney Region, and are attached. Each WRA has a management priority category that is a result of the calculations</p>

based on the information entered.

Common Pampas has had two WRA's completed for it as a result of differing perspectives provided by councils across the region on the prevalence of the weed in their area. There were two distinct response groups, one reporting the weed as rare and isolated and the other as common and widespread. This information varies the outcome of the WRA.

The proposed management priority categories for the weeds are as follows:

- Common Pampas (rare and isolated) – Contain Spread
- Common Pampas (common and widespread) – Manage weeds and Protect priority sites
- Broom Asparagus – Eradication
- Rhus Tree – Contain Spread
- Tiger Pear – Contain Spread

**The RWC needs to consider whether to proceed with adding these four species to Appendix 1.2 "Regional priority weeds", and how this should be done.**

**FOR  
ACTION/DECISION/NOTING**

**Decisions**

**DECISIONS REQUIRED BY  
RWC MEMBERS**

- 1. Endorsement of the proposed process for amending the RSWMP**
- 2. Whether to proceed with adding each of the four species to Appendix 1.2.**