

Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 12: BUSINESS PAPERS

Agenda Item 5	WAP program report and guidelines
ATTACHMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WAP Abridged grant round – draft guidelines
BACKGROUND	<p>Update for the Weeds Action Program – Greater Sydney regional subprogram (GS WAP) for the period March to June 2018 is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project variation request outlining changes to program targets and activities was submitted to DPI in May 2018. A Recognising Water Weeds was delivered to 25 weed officers representing 9 agencies on 8 May by Charlie Mifsud from DPI. A Weed Risk Assessment training course will be delivered on 14 June to 40 officers representing 29 agencies by Stephen Johnson from DPI. Planning has commenced with Sydney Weeds Committee Inc. about the regional event to be held later this year to educate government, industry and community stakeholders about the state and regional priority weed species. Fairfield City, Liverpool City and Central Coast councils did not accept the WAP funding offer in 2017/18 due to internal administrative delays and inability to adequately resource project activities. This reduces the total Program value in 2017/18 (Year 3) from \$994,943 to \$881,335 with funding apportioned as follows. All Year 3 funds have now been paid by the Administrative Agency to Program partners. \$350,000 in unspent funds will be carried forward into 2018/19. Additionally, \$15,746 of Year 4 grant funds and \$32,645 of Year 5 grant funds are currently not allocated. This leaves a total of \$398,391 in unallocated grant funds for the remainder of the WAP1520, if the annual grant allocations from DPI in Years 4 and 5 remain unchanged from the preliminary figure provided in 2015 for planning purposes. An abridged contestable grant round will be announced on 1 July 2018, with applications closing on 13 August. An application form will be developed in June 2018. The WAP1520- Greater Sydney subprogram steering committee has developed draft Guidelines for applicants – see item for distribution. The draft Guidelines are now presented to the RWC for review and endorsement.
FOR ACTION/DECISION/NOTING	Decisions
DECISION REQUIRED BY RWC MEMBERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the WAP program update for the period March to June 2018. 2. Endorse the WAP1520- Greater Sydney subprogram abridged grant Guidelines.