

## Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 13: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 10	Regional permits for the off-label use of herbicides
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APVMA Permit 14922</li> </ul>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Permit 14922 for the off-label use of 2,4-D on <i>Ludwigia longifolia</i> held by Campbelltown City Council on behalf of all Sydney Weed Committee council members is about to expire.</li> <li>• City of Parramatta, Liverpool City and Campbelltown City councils all use 2,4-D on <i>Ludwigia longifolia</i> and have enquired as to whether DPI would be prepared to apply for and hold a new permit for off-label use of 2,4-D on <i>Ludwigia longifolia</i> on behalf of all councils in the GS region.</li> <li>• The rationale for this is that DPI holds a state-wide permit for off-label use of Imazapyr on alligator weed for all Council employees and Government Officers in NSW.</li> <li>• DPI also holds a permit for off-label use of Metsulfuron Methyl on alligator weed for all persons trained or experienced in the preparation and use of agricultural chemicals in NSW excluding Penrith City, Hawkesbury River County, Maitland City and Port Stephen councils.</li> <li>• Rod Ensbey and Charles Mifsud have been approached in relation to this proposal.</li> <li>• The advice they have received is that DPI is not prepared to apply for licences on behalf of regions or subregions anymore, unless for control of a state priority weed.</li> <li>• <i>Ludwigia longifolia</i> is a regional priority but not a state priority weed.</li> <li>• No one of the three councils mentioned above currently has the staff resources available to apply for a permit on behalf of the region.</li> <li>• GS LLS is a regionally based NSW Government agency that delivers quality, customer-focused services to farmers, landholders and the community.</li> </ul>
<b>FOR ACTION/DECISION/NOTING</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>DECISIONS REQUIRED BY RWC MEMBERS</b>	That the GS RWC request that GS LLS applies for and holds a new permit for the off-label use of 2,4-D on <i>Ludwigia longifolia</i> on behalf of all councils in the GS region, and applies for and holds other permits for off-label use of herbicides as the need arises.