



## OUTCOMES

### GREATER SYDNEY RWC TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (TSC)

#### TELECONFERENCE Monday 19 November

Meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.30 am

Chair: Paul Marynissen

#### Participants:

Paul Marynissen, Central Coast Council	Eric Mahony, Blue Mountains Council
Rudi Adlmayer, Sydney Central Subregional Weed Committee	Mel Hall, OEH - NPWS
Erin Fardy, Sydney Southwest Subregional Weed Committee	Christopher Stanfield, HRCC
Anthony Schofield, Greater Sydney LLS	

The technical subcommittee met to consider proposed amendments to appendix 1.2 of the Greater Sydney RSWMP.

#### Broom asparagus - *Asparagus virgatus*

Members were concerned about the feasibility of eradicating this species and that “containment” may be more appropriate for the Greater Sydney Region. It was agreed that the weed risk assessment needs to be reviewed.

**Action 1.** Paul Marynissen to review the WRA for this species.

#### Groundsel bush - *Baccharis halimifolia*

Members supported the inclusion of this species as an “eradication” objective. The proposed GBD Outcomes and Strategic response in the region were also supported.

#### Common Pampas Grass – *Cortaderia selloana*

Members did not support inclusion of this species with a “containment” objective and recommend that this species be included under “asset protection” by amending “Pampas grass – *Cortaderia jubata*” to “Pampas grass - *Cortaderia* spp.”

#### Rhus Tree - *Toxicodendron succedaneum*

Members did not support inclusion of this species with a “containment” objective and recommend that this species be considered for inclusion under “eradication”. It was noted that the WRA outcome is currently “contain spread” and that additional information is needed to inform a recommendation.

Action 2. Paul Marynissen to review the WRA for this species

Action 3. Anthony Schofield to review the RSWMPs for North Coast, Hunter, North Coast and South East to determine how each region has addressed this species.

Action 4. Anthony Schofield to liaise with Anthony Newling (Hornsby Council) regarding concerns about including this species under “eradication”

### **Tiger Pear - *Opuntia aurantiaca***

Members supported the inclusion of this species as a “containment” objective. The proposed GBD Outcomes and Strategic response in the region were also supported.

### **African olive - *Olea europaea* subsp. *Cuspidate***

Anthony Schofield explained that this is a proposal to amend the definitions of the exclusion zone and core infestation for this species. The proposal is to remove Central Coast Council from the exclusion zone and to add some land between Blue Mountains Council and HRCC to the exclusion zone. Chris Stanfield noted this species is widespread in Hawkesbury Council and eradication is not feasible. It was agreed to only include area in Penrith Council west of the Nepean River.

### **Other business**

#### **Procedure for amending RSWMP**

The procedure for amending the RSWMP was discussed. It was noted that the RWC endorsed a procedure at meeting 13 and that the procedure includes steps for minor amendments, additions and deletions to the regional priority weeds (appendix 1.2)

#### **Appendix 2**

The inclusion of appendix 2 was briefly discussed. It was noted that this issue has been raised several times at RWC meetings and the current status is that appendix 2 shall remain in the RSWMP.

### **Giant Strelitzia**

Mel Hall sought committee consensus about this species. It has been the topic of some discussion after it was reported as a “new weed species” to NPWS (via Nicola Dixon). NPWS and a number of Councils have provided feedback and the current consensus is that this species is widespread and therefore a WRA is not warranted. This position was supported by members of the TSC.