

Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 14: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 3	DPI Initiatives and Updates
ATTACHMENTS	
BACKGROUND	<p>Sydney Flower Markets A new policy to cover the production, importation and sale of Weed material at the Sydney Flower markets is being finalised. Currently, there is a Group Biosecurity Permit covering the sale of non-viable plant parts for <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i>, <i>A. plumosis</i>, <i>Salix matsudana</i>, <i>S.nigricans</i>. Sale of wild harvested material is not permitted. The new policy is expected to require Individual permits for imported material, for production sites and a Group permit for the sale of non-viable material at the Flower markets.</p> <p>Weed Management Compliance Standard The Compliance Standard is close to being finalised. DPI is now drafting an audit process and will start piloting these during 2019. If an audit finds that recommendations of improvements are necessary, DPI will work with the LCA to make the necessary changes.</p> <p>MERI Framework for RSWMP's The MERI framework was sent out to all regions in October 2018 for consultation and it has been to the SWC for consideration. DPI and LLS management are currently finalising the document. The final MERI plan will be used by the regions to report against their plan.</p> <p>Weeds Information Database External (WIDX) The Weeds information database external (WIDX) is now available to access through the DPI Extranet. At the moment it provides online access to approved Weed Risk Assessments (WRAs) and the ability to search and create new WRAs. Access is available to Weed Professionals.</p> <p>A new Biosecurity Information Database (BIS) tool will also soon be available, where BIS data can be downloaded into the system and records and reports can be searched. This BIS tool is still being tested and will be available during 2019. LLS and RWCs will have access to their regional data and the ability to view map layers through the BioMap system.</p>
FOR ACTION/DECISION/NOTING	Noting
DECISIONS REQUIRED BY RWC MEMBERS	The committee notes this business paper and the verbal update by Rod Ensbey.