

Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 14: BUSINESS PAPERS

Agenda Item 6	Regional Weed Coordination Update
ATTACHMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weeds Action Program Report• High risk pathways and sites mapping tool supporting information• 7 x Situation Reports (Sitreps) for new weed incursions
BACKGROUND	<p>Weeds Action Program Update for the Weeds Action Program – Greater Sydney regional subprogram (GS WAP) for the period November 2018 to January 2019 is attached.</p> <p>High Risk Pathway & Sites Mapping Tool Developed by GS LLS in late 2017, the mapping tool assists LCAs and State land managers map and prioritise high risk pathways, sites and significant assets for the purpose of proactive inspection and surveillance programs. The tool has been revised to incorporate changes agreed at a LCA workshop in February 2018. The supporting information document (attached) has also been updated and can now be distributed to LCA's and State agency land managers.</p> <p>New Weed Incursions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northern Beaches Council has reported a new incursion of Water Poppy and further incursion of Giant Devil's Fig.• Central Coast Council has reported a new incursion of Red Ludwigia.• Previously reported weed incursions (Frogbit, Anzac Tree Daisy, Groundsel Bush, Christmas Candlesticks and Giant Devil's Fig) continue to be monitored• See attached sitreps for detailed updates relating to each species.• Note that sitreps relating to new weed incursions of state priority species (ie Frogbit) are available on the weeds extranet.• Sitreps relating to new incursions of regional priority species are not currently available through any forum other than direct email. <p>LCA appointment of Authorised Officers under Biosecurity Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 additional LCAs have completed the process to appoint authorised officers under the Biosecurity Act since Meeting 13 of the GS RWC.• 2 LCAs (Parramatta and Canada Bay) are yet to have an officer complete the compulsory online training modules.• 7 LCAs (Cumberland, Georges River, Lane Cove, Ryde, Sydney, Willoughby and Waverley) are yet to provide a copy of an instrument of appointment to DPI:• Nicola Dixon is continuing to liaise with and support these LCAs in relation to this process. <p>LCA submission of weed management data to the BIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 of the 30 LCAs have submitted weed management data to the BIS in the last 6 months. The following LCAs did not report any data to the BIS during this period (Campbelltown, Canada Bay, Parramatta, Ryde, City of Sydney, Cumberland, Georges River, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Randwick, Willoughby, Waverley, Wollondilly).• Nicola Dixon to continue to support these LCAs to meet the requirement to report weed management data to the BIS.

- Nicola Dixon and Rod Ensbey to meet with several LCAs on Wednesday 13 February to discuss Biosecurity Act responsibilities.

Online sales

The online trade of frogbit was a significant concern in the reporting period, with commendable rapid response by LCAs in the Greater Sydney region.

- 23 Oct 2018 – a St Ives-based online seller was reported to DPI. This was referred to Ku-ring-gai Council. The plants were seized. Plants had been sold to one person in City of Ryde. All plants were seized.
- 6 Nov 2018 – a Bomaderry-based online seller was reported to DPI. Plants had been sold to Camden, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown and Sutherland LGAS. All plants were seized by the relevant LCA within 48 hours.
- 20 November 2018 – a Moorebank-based online seller was detected by DPI. This was referred to Liverpool City Council and the plants were seized on 24 November 2018. The seller said they had not sold any plants.
- January 2019 – a Gosford-based seller was detected by Central Coast Council. All plants were seized.

NSW Weeds Conference – Newcastle 2019

- The conference planning committee is seeking abstracts for presentations. Conference themes include:
 - Measuring success in weed management
 - Weeds in the urban landscape
 - Weeds management in rural settings
 - Putting the we in weeds: working together
- This is an opportunity for Greater Sydney to showcase regional weed management initiatives.
- The call for abstracts closes 28 Feb 2019.

WAP Mandatory Documents

The four mandatory regional strategic planning documents endorsed by the RWC were submitted to NSW DPI on 2 July. Feedback is being incorporated into amended documents which are expected to be ready for RWC endorsement at the next meeting. Some further revision may be required following the release of the Compliance Standard.

**FOR
ACTION/DECISION/NOTING**

Noting/Decision

**DECISION REQUIRED BY
RWC MEMBERS**

1. Receive and note this business paper, including attachments.
2. Discuss options for storing Sitreps for new weed incursions of regional priority species in a shared location.
3. Discuss opportunities to present regional weed management initiatives at the 20th NSW Weeds Conference.