



MEETING 16 OUTCOMES – 14 December 2020

The NSW State Weed Committee held its 16th meeting online via TEAMS on 14 December 2020. The agenda covered:

1. Chair's update.

- . The Chair highlighted the season's bumper crop yields with accompanying weed incursions due to the breaking of the drought.

2. Member Reports.

- . Each of the members provided an update report including their action items to the Committee. Of note:

1. DPI will be formalising situation reports for prohibited matter incursions with parthenium weed and frogbit prevalent. New incursions of rubbervine and Parkinsonia have also been reported. Positively, the new biocontrol rearing facility at Lightning Ridge has opened and the infrastructure upgrades at Grafton were discussed. A Commonwealth lead process for biocontrol is in place and biocontrol will form a part of discussions at each meeting going forward.
2. NSW farmers tabled concerns over the management of weeds on public lands and road corridors and which jurisdictions are responsible for taking the lead when multiple parties are involved.
3. LLS reported that the NSW Weeds Action Program funding has been transferred to the LLS and allocated to the 11 regions. Regional Weeds Coordinators are administering the funding to the Local Control Authorities and delivering the 20/21 projects and the Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan Mid Term Evaluation.
4. The NGINA provided a presentation on Plant Sure (please see below in outcomes) and progress of the project was well received by all members.
5. The Weeds Officers' Association tabled a list of BIS-related issues and are working with DPI to rectify them. The issue of succession planning for weeds officers was tabled.
6. DPIE EES provided an update on the National Parks and Wildlife Service's weed control effort, post-fire biodiversity recovery and weed management and the State Hawkweed Eradication Program.
7. DPIE Crown Lands provided an update on applications for funding for weed projects on Crown Land.

3. Outcomes.

- . Particular outcomes arising from these discussions included:

8. Agreement for the mid-year State Weed Committee meeting to include a workshop on the application of the *Biosecurity Act 2016* and its regulations as a refresher for new and existing members.
9. Also agreed for the next meeting is an update to the Committee on current Biocontrol undertakings.

10. A presentation by the Nursery and Gardening Industry Association on **Plant Sure** can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2m3N1XV8Dk>
11. The NSW Weeds Action Program 2015-2020 Review was tabled and endorsed for wider distribution.
12. The NSW Alligator Weed Strategic Plan was discussed and endorsed by the Committee.

The Committee will next meet in March 2021 in Orange for a tour of the new DPI Head Office in Prince Street and an inspection of the new Weed Biocontrol Insectary at the Orange Agricultural Institute.



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SWC Chair
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