Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 15: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 4	Review of weed committees and coordination
ATTACHMENTS	• Issues and options: alignment of GS regional weed committees • SWC response to issues and options paper
BACKGROUND	An issues and options paper has been prepared to identify options for alignment of the Greater Sydney Regional Weed Committee (RWC) with the four subregional committees currently operating independently as Sydney Weeds Committees Incorporated (SWC Inc.). The need for change has been driven by the broader reforms to weed management in NSW, including the decision by the NSW Government to replace the previous 14 regional weed advisory committees with 11 committees based on Local Land Services (LLS) boundaries. The Greater Sydney RWC was established in 2016 as the regional weed committee for the Greater Sydney LLS region. Many of the functions previously performed by the SWC Inc. are now the responsibility of the RWC. The SWC Inc. has played a valuable role in sub-regional planning and coordination through its subregional committees. If the subregional committees are to remain, their roles and responsibilities must be clarified particularly now that the Greater Sydney RWC is responsible for strategic planning and coordination for the region. Two broad options have been identified. Option 1 involves full integration of the subregional committees with the RWC. Under option 1, the subregional committees would become subcommittees of the RWC and therefore under the same management structure (ie GS LLS). Option 2 provides for the sub-regional committees to continue to operate under a separate management structure. Under option 2, a change of organisation name is required to accurately reflect their role. The subregional committees currently operate under an incorporated association, which is a member-based structure requiring paying members to vote on significant issues. It is therefore anticipated that a vote by SWC Inc. members will take place prior to the next RWC meeting to identify their preferred option. The proposed timeframe for implementing change is outlined below: • SWC members vote (July 2019) • Recommended option endorsed by GS RWC (August 2019) • Preferred option endorsed by GS LLS Board (October 2019) • Changes fully implemented (June 2020)
FOR ACTION/DECISION/NOTING	**Noting**
DECISIONS REQUIRED BY RWC MEMBERS	**FOR DISCUSSION**