

Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 19: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 4	Weeds Action Program Report																					
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WAP 2019-20 Income and Expenditure Statement 2. WAP 1520 Feedback Survey Report 																					
BACKGROUND	<p>WAP 2019-20 Budget</p> <p>Since the last RWC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taronga Zoo advised they no longer need an allocation of \$14,960 for a boneseed control project • KPMG were engaged to conduct independent audits of 2 project partners (\$28,350) • \$20,000 was allocated to the Crimestoppers Prohibited Plants Online Campaign • \$10,000 was allocated towards a Drone/Image Library project led by South East LLS • \$60,000 was transferred to Western Region towards a Willow rhus eradication project. The transfer of funds will be reported as a reduction in income (ie return to DPI) and not against agreed activities in the Greater Sydney WAP project. • \$6,692 was paid to the NSW Biocontrol Taskforce for a 3 year regional membership of the taskforce. <p>A full account of WAP income and expenditure for 2019-20 is attached.</p> <p>Project Partner Feedback Survey</p> <p>At the suggestion of the WAP Steering Committee, GS LLS conducted a survey of WAP1520 project partners in June. The survey was designed to examine strengths and weaknesses of the project, and to help GS LLS meet the needs and expectations of project partners. It is proposed that the survey will be conducted each year. Of the 23 partners during the project's 5 years, 8 completed the survey. The results have been collated into a report (attached). It is expected the survey results will be discussed in greater depth by the new WAP Steering Committee.</p> <p>WAP 2019-20 Annual Reporting</p> <p>Individualised annual report templates have been forwarded to all project partners and completed reports requested by 10 August. Given the disruptions caused by COVID19, it is acknowledged that some partners may not be able to report by this time and have been encouraged to contact Genevieve and negotiate a revised reporting timeframe.</p> <p>WAP2020-25 Regional Application</p> <p>The Greater Sydney Regional WAP2025 application was submitted to NSW DPI on 14 May. See summary below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: right;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;">Year 1</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Year 2</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Year 3</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Year 4</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Year 5</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WAP1520</td> <td>\$1,049,000*</td> <td>\$955,182*</td> <td>\$1,111,056</td> <td>\$1,176,715</td> <td>\$1,203,578</td> <td>\$5,495,531</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WAP2025</td> <td>\$1,639,564</td> <td>\$1,723,029</td> <td>\$1,765,331</td> <td>\$1,700,828</td> <td>\$1,757,047</td> <td>\$8,585,799</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><small>*Years 1 and 2 of WAP1520 do not include \$100k direct allocation to HRCC for aquatic weed management. This amount was included in the region's allocation from year 3 (2017-18) onwards.</small></p> <p>The region is seeking \$1,639,564 in WAP grant funds for 2020-21, which is a 36% increase over the region's allocation in 2019-20. 22 project partners have applied for WAP grant funds, an increase of 6 project partners compared to 2019-20.</p> <p>Following initial feedback from NSW DPI staff, several project partners have been contacted and submitted revised applications. GS LLS has also</p>		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total	WAP1520	\$1,049,000*	\$955,182*	\$1,111,056	\$1,176,715	\$1,203,578	\$5,495,531	WAP2025	\$1,639,564	\$1,723,029	\$1,765,331	\$1,700,828	\$1,757,047	\$8,585,799
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