

## Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 16: BUSINESS PAPER

### Agenda Item 6

### Regional Weed Coordination Report

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. WAP Progress Report – 8 May to 6 August 2019
2. New Weed Incursion Report – Ming Asparagus, Campbelltown
3. New Weed Incursion Report – Climbing Asparagus, Campbelltown
4. Sitrep No.1 – Frogbit, Georges River

#### BACKGROUND

##### **Weeds Action Program**

Update for the Greater Sydney Weeds Action Program (GS WAP) for the period 7 May to 6 August 2019 is attached.

##### **Amendments to GS RSWMP**

Amendments to the RSWMP endorsed by the RWC in February 2019 were subject to a 4 week public consultation period in June/July and will be presented to the GS LLS Board for approval at their meeting on 20 August.

A further amendment, the inclusion of Box elder (*Acer negundo*) in appendix 1.2 has been proposed by Wollondilly Council and is currently being considered by members of the technical subcommittee.

##### **Alignment of subregional committees with RWC**

Anthony Schofield met with board members of Sydney Weeds Committees Inc. on 25 July to refine options for alignment of subregional weed committees and the RWC. The process to determine and implement new arrangements is outlined below:

- Information and options presented to SWC members
- Vote by SWC members to identify preferred option
- Advice to LLS/RWC on outcome of member vote and SWC position – **31 October 2019**.
- Endorsement by RWC – **15 November 2019**
- Arrangements fully implemented by **30 June 2020**.

##### **LCA appointment of Authorised Officers under Biosecurity Act**

- No change to the number of LCAs (21) that have appointed authorised officers since Meeting 15.
- 9 LCAs are yet to appoint authorised officers (Campbelltown City, City of Canada Bay, City of Parramatta, City of Ryde, City of Sydney, Cumberland, Georges River, Willoughby and Waverley Councils).

##### **LCA staffing update**

- Georges River Council has employed Stuart Henry as Biosecurity Officer, who will commence on a 0.6 FTE basis on 19 August.
- Stuart will cease employment at Strathfield Council on 16 August. Strathfield Council is undergoing a restructure and may not recruit a new Biosecurity Officer for several months
- City of Ryde has employed a full-time Biosecurity Officer on 1.0 FTE basis (Viniana Vererua - ex-HRCC)

### LCA submission of weed management data to the BIS

- Wollondilly Shire Council has commenced reporting to the BIS.
- The following LCAs have not reported any data to the BIS in the last 12 months:  
City of Canada Bay, City of Parramatta, City of Ryde, City of Sydney, Georges River, Lane Cove, Willoughby and Waverley Councils.

### New Weed Incursions

- Sitrep No.1 from DPI in relation to frogbit in the Georges River in Campbelltown and Liverpool LGAs is attached
- New Weed Incursion Reports from Campbelltown City Council in relation to Ming Asparagus (*Asparagus macowanii* var. *zuluensis*) and Climbing Asparagus (*Asparagus africanus*) are attached.
- Status of previously reported incursions updated by relevant LCA as follows:

SPECIES	LGA	WRA Outcome / Management Objective	Status Update 6 August 2019
<i>Solanum chrysotrichum</i>	Central Coast	Regional Prevention	Infestation controlled, ongoing monitoring of site and surrounding properties
<i>Solanum chrysotrichum</i>	Northern Beaches	Regional Prevention	Control works continue. All plants on surrounding private properties controlled.
<i>Leonotis nepetifolia</i>	Central Coast	'Destroy infestations'	All plants removed on Council land and on rail land with assistance from local rail office.
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Central Coast	Regional Eradication	Ongoing monitoring, no plants present currently.
<i>Hydrocleys nymphoides</i>	Northern Beaches	Regional Containment (eradication in Excl. Zone)	Primary work completed to remove bulk of plant material. Ongoing maintenance to control regrowth and surveillance for spread of plant downstream
<i>Houttuynia cordata</i>	City of Parramatta	Eradicate	Majority of biomass removed. Monthly targeted spray sweeps. 5-year control and monitoring contract established. Inspections of 150 adjacent private properties undertaken. 1 plant found in pot in pond. Noted that neighbours are swapping water weeds e.g. water hyacinth and salvinia.

FOR **Noting**  
ACTION/DECISION/NOTING

DECISIONS REQUIRED BY **The committee notes this business paper**  
RWC MEMBERS