

## Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 18: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 7	Nominations for members – WAP Steering Committee and RWC Technical Subcommittee
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p><b>Weeds Action Program (WAP) Steering Committee</b>            The WAP Steering Committee operates as a subcommittee of the RWC and, on behalf of the lead organisation and RWC, is responsible for assessing and approving applications for WAP grant funds. Membership is comprised of representative from NSW DPI, GS LLS, the lead organisation, local control authorities (2) and the Nature Conservation Council. Current members are Rod Ensbey, Anthony Schofield, Paul Marynissen, Steve Smith and Judy Lambert.</p> <p>The steering committee is convened on a needs basis and conducts its business via face to face meetings and email. Members must possess a good understanding of the WAP guidelines and goals and priorities of the NSW Invasive Species Plan and Greater Sydney Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan (RWSMP).</p> <p>The commencement of a new 5 year WAP projects is an opportune time to review membership of the committee.</p> <p><b>RWC Technical Subcommittee</b>            The RWC Technical Subcommittee was initially established to undertake weed risk assessments for regional priority weeds. Their deliberations played a major role in determining the weed species for inclusion in appendix 1.2 of the Greater Sydney RSWMP.</p> <p>The subcommittee is convened whenever there is a need for an “expert panel” to consider issues relating to the risk of a weed species. Their recommendations influence whether a specific weed is prioritised for funding.</p> <p>Members of the subcommittee must be familiar with NSW DPI’s Weed Risk Assessment framework and possess a high degree of knowledge of plants and plant biology. Current members are Paul Marynissen and Mel Hall.</p>
<b>FOR ACTION/DECISION/NOTING</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>ACTIONS REQUIRED BY RWC MEMBERS</b>	<b>Nominate suitable persons for membership of the WAP Steering Committee and the RWC Technical Subcommittee</b>