

Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 17: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 8	Sydney Flower Markets - Permits
ATTACHMENTS	
BACKGROUND	<p>The potential for permits to be given to stall holders, at the Sydney Flower Markets, to sell non-saleable items to other vendors has raised many concerns.</p> <p>For instance, it has not been scientifically proved that these potentially permitted weeds will not have a detrimental impact on the environment, agriculture or the nursery industry.</p> <p>It is also unclear how these permits would be recorded and how Biosecurity Officers throughout the Greater Sydney Region would be able to tell who has a permit and who doesn't and how easy these permits could be replicated.</p>
FOR ACTION/DECISION/NOTING	Action
DECISIONS REQUIRED BY RWC MEMBERS	<p>Request the Department of Primary Industries to reconsider allowing permits to sell non-saleable items until:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) It can be demonstrated through sufficient scientific evidence that no significant harm or impact will occur to agriculture, nursery or environment.2) Further work is done around the logistics of such permitting in the event that some of the non-saleable weeds are deemed safe to sell.