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Inner West Council

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Yes

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Q7

I am representing local government

What best describes you?

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Greater Sydney

Which of the following regions best describes your location/area of interest?

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Q10

To what extent are the NSW environment, industries and communities currently impacted by invasive species?

Highly impacted. To the point of a reconstructed landscape that requires hefty investment to repair and manage the land for increased ecological outcomes.

Q11

To what extent do you think existing programs in NSW are effectively managing invasive species?

There needs to be cross State policy and adaptive management strategies employed to reduce negative invasive species impact.

Q12

What, if any, are the key barriers to effective management of invasive species?

Lack of regional collaboration; shared and identified targets.

Q13

How has invasive species management changed since the introduction of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 legislation and associated programs and plans?

Developers and Private property holders can now more easily remove trees and habitats from their land. As a result, Increased weed loads and more threatened/endangered and extinct species are being recorded, putting more pressures on the efficiency and effectiveness of Natural Area management/ urban programs or resources for targeted invasive species. Reduced ecological function and environmental health, with the highest rate of extinction than anywhere else in the world.

Q14

What are the future risks posed by invasive species to the NSW environment, industries and communities?

All of our Natural Areas are impacted by invasive species. Most people are seemingly more concerned about aesthetics than ecosystem services. Projections for a future with high health risks as a result of less resilient and healthy landscapes.

Q15

What opportunities do you see to improve the outcomes of invasive species management in the future?

Cross-regional collaboration; changes of policy to better reflect the current threats; less of an engineered response to environmental impacts, introduce more protective mechanisms for Native vegetation/PCT's/ Incorporate Aboriginal Scientific Eco-knowledge for improved regional land management practise.

Q16

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Any other comments?
