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Q1

First name

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Respondent skipped this question

Organisation name (if relevant)

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Email address

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Phone number

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Q6

Yes

Can we contact you about your submission (if required)?

Q7

I am a private land manager/owner

What best describes you?

Q8

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

Other (please specify):

Illawarra

Q9

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Q10

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q11

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q12

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

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

The proposal for offshore wind farms will cause:

Habitat Disruption: The construction and operation of offshore wind farms often involve activities like pile driving and cable laying, which can lead to disturbances in the seafloor and surrounding areas. These disruptions may inadvertently affect invasive species by altering their habitats or migration patterns.

Marine Traffic and Biofouling: Offshore wind farms can lead to increased marine traffic, including maintenance vessels and ships transporting equipment. This could inadvertently facilitate the transportation of invasive species from one area to another through biofouling (hitchhiking on vessel hulls) or ballast water.

Sediment Disturbance: During the installation and maintenance of wind turbines, sediment on the seafloor can be stirred up. This may affect invasive species living on or in the sediment, potentially promoting their dispersion.

Changes in Local Ecosystems: The presence of offshore wind farms may create new artificial reef-like structures, which could attract a different set of marine organisms, including invasive species. This could alter the dynamics of local ecosystems.

Monitoring and Mitigation: It's crucial for developers to monitor the potential impact on invasive species and implement mitigation strategies. These may include preventive measures to limit the spread of invasive species through ballast water treatment systems on maintenance vessels or measures to minimize sediment disturbance during construction.

Q15

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

Reject the offshore wind farms off the coast of the Illawarra

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Any other comments?
