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Yes

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Q7

I am representing local government

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Greater Sydney

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Q10

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

I have observed if land is not managed and it has no innate resilience, invasive species infest, potentially dominate and inevitably spread.

Q11

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

After 13 years in the weed management industry I have learned there is not enough funding to cover what is necessary to achieve rehabilitation. Winning is hard and hoping to win can be demoralizing. The culture and mental of health of ground workers impacts the outcome of allocated funding.

Training on the Generalised Invasion Curve, prohibited matter, mandatory measures and the general biosecurity duty is important for the broader community as well as all ground workers in the industry.

Biosecurity officers connecting with community members, businesses and ground workers providing education and support, is an effective tool. It is surprising how little some ground workers know about the Biosecurity Act and Regional Weed Management plans.

Q12

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

Underfunded weed management projects and a lack of understanding for what it takes to effectively manage invasive species.

Inexperienced ground workers

Poor knowledge of plant species

Demoralised staff

Q13

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

The Biosecurity Act gives the ability to enforce invasive species to be addressed. It details which species are to be prioritized.

Q14

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

Economic damage for farmers, infestation of endangered ecological communities, health problems for the community and production animals, loss of habitat for native flora and fauna, loss of suitable environment for endangered species, loss of waterway health.

Q15

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

Education across the vegetation management industry, community and land holders. New techniques to treat invasive species more efficiently. Improve culture of ground workers and vegetation management companies.

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Any other comments?
