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Yes

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Q10

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

Largely. impact's from a weed management point of view include almost more invasive plants than introduced ones which does put pressure on land managers such as council controlling local priority weeds around containment strategies. state priority weeds if caught early are better managed though.

Cats, dogs and foxes in urban area(Sydney) are also impacting native fauna populations as well.

Q11

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

State priority weeds and new weed incursions are managed well by authorised weed controllers if they get to them early. However Local Priority weeds are probably here to stay due to high populations and cost restrictions to maintain eradication programs, containment programs are ok though.

Q12

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

Too many species to control, and lack of education or publicity.

Q13

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

Seems more streamlined, centralised around compliance communicating risks.

From a weed management some species seem to have dropped off list with emphasis put on weed controllers ie Council which generally will do minimal management and eradication which is understandably generally due to budgetary constraints

Q14

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

New incursions, funding cuts from government for control programs ie WAP, and maintenance schedules

Q15

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

Funding, collaboration between pest management with government and independent and NGOs such as Weed Societies, Invasive Species Council, Sydney Weeds Network, and Volunteers Coordinators.
Keeping everyone on same page.

Q16

Any other comments?

No
