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Question 1

The revised strategy sets out the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders in weed management and prevention. Are these clear?

Yes

Question 2

Are the goals and priorities of the strategy focused in the necessary areas? why / why not?

Not adequately, The first point I would like to make is that if a landholder does not have the financial resources it is not possible for that landholder to control a major weed infestation. It is common for landholders to be overwhelmed from weeds re infesting their properties from adjoining areas. Government policy of fencing off rivers, creeks, gullies and waterways from agricultural use is creating a safe haven for weeds to breed up and spread all over the countryside. Native vegetation areas on farms are neglected because these areas can be very difficult and expensive for the landholder to access for weed control. Often the income from these areas is insufficient to even pay the local government rates.

Landholders on smaller holdings with an off farm income often don't consider weeds as a high priority because these weeds will only have a minor impact on their financial circumstances.

Some weed species can have disastrous consequences on one property while be an asset on another. Coolati grass is an example of this.

During my lifetime the large numbers of serious weed species have appeared that were unknown in this area 40 years ago. Tiger Pear, Green Cestrum, Mother of Millions, Blue Heliotrope and Lippa. These plants were bought into the country as ornamentals.

The grassland species are changing from the once dominance of native species to a dominance of introduced species. The livestock industries in these areas either have to adapt or perish.

Local government considers weed control as a low priority resulting in weed control by shire councils is often understaffed and underfunded. While control practices by private landholders and local government employees can be shortsighted with follow up control measures only implemented when pressured from another source. These undisciplined weed control practices only ensure that that the weed problem will continue and in some cases get worse in the future.

One suggestion is to create a National Weeds Authority with the power to force not just private landholders but also local and state government authorities to control and if possible eradicate serious weeds.

Question 3

The strategy is intended to describe how weed management fits into Australia's biosecurity system. Is the link between Australia's biosecurity system and weed management made clear in the strategy? why / why not?

Yes.

Any other comments or feedback?

The weed problem in this country has been caused mainly by introduced species and is generally continuing to deteriorate.

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