

## **Modernising Australia's approach to managing established pests and diseases of national significance: Discussion paper**

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### **Consultation Questions**

***On the management of established pests and diseases of national significance:***

**1) *Are the proposed policy principles appropriate and practical?***

Who coordinates reporting and monitoring component?

Is there to be one central body as the coordinator?

**2) *Are the proposed policy principles sufficient?***

Good start, however, why is there no mention of prevention?

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**3) *Should listing of established pests and diseases of national significance be for a defined period or open ended?***

Should there be regular review periods? To determine the impact management strategies are having upon the pest/disease.

Defined period, with the possibility of extension/delisting. Ensure deadlines are adhered to - not left open ended.

**4) *What form of review should be required to maintain the listing of a pest or disease as an established pest or disease of national significance?***

Is there a review process established for WONS? If yes, is this currently working effectively?

**5) *What is an appropriate time for such a review?***

Every 5 years would be a good medium term time-frame? Yearly seems too often - not realistic.

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**6) *Are the proposed roles and responsibilities clear, particularly in relation to your role?***

There needs to be a breakdown of Federal, State and Local government responsibilities.

Research support: is there going to be funding provided?

Data management: what is the reporting structure? A framework needs to be put in place for future monitoring and review of the program (significance of the species). Include information such as: how much money spent, number and details of people involved, enforcement notices issued, partnerships established etc.

**7) Are the proposed roles and responsibilities appropriate and practical?**

Yes. However, monitoring and review necessary.

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**8) What are the issues with establishing and maintaining effective collective action?**

Levels of government, industries and stakeholders need to interact to establish management plans initially - and maintain contact to ensure effective outcomes. How will this happen? Will there be meetings? Established means of communication?

Establishing processes is the key.

**9) How can the coordinated approach be best implemented across the various stakeholder groups?**

Can there be regional bodies (e.g. local council areas) established? OR regional groups that meets with representatives of local councils e.g. SEQ region.

Could each local council within the established region host yearly?

**10) How do you see yourself (or your interest/industry/organisation) contributing?**

As local government: assisting with coordination, monitoring, education (all aspects which we are already involved in).