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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that the protection and promotion of Aboriginal culture, heritage, traditional land management practices and spiritual beliefs are of great importance to the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters in the Murray region, and benefits the whole community. Strengthening shared cultural values will contribute to a more reconciled and resilient Murray region community.

Acknowledgement of Contributors

The Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan was developed by the Murray Regional Weed Committee on behalf of the Murray Local Land Services Board. The Board wishes to acknowledge the work of the Committee, the Riverina/Murray Executive Project Team and regional support staff in developing this plan. The Board would also like to thank the Technical Sub-committee of the State Weeds Committee for their support in undertaking weed risk prioritisation. The Board also thanks the State Weeds Committee, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, and NSW Department of Primary Industries for their guidance in the plan's development.

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Murray Local Land Services Board Chair's Foreword

On behalf of the Board of Murray Local Land Services I would like to thank the members of the Murray Regional Weed Committee for their time, expertise and effort to produce this Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan.

The development of the Regional Weed Management Plan is a result of the introduction of the NSW *Biosecurity Act 2015*, which repealed the Noxious Weeds Act 1993. The plan also gives support to Goal 1 of the NSW Biosecurity Strategy 2013-2021: "biosecurity is a shared responsibility".

The Murray Regional Weed Committee includes representatives from local government and county councils, NSW Department of Primary Industries, state government agencies managing crown lands (including the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry Corporation of NSW, Roads and Maritime Services and Department of Industry - Lands), NSW Farmers, Landcare, rural landholders and Murray Local Land Services.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the work of the Murray Regional Weed Committee, its Chair Neil Hibberson, the Riverina/Murray Executive Project Team and regional support staff in developing this plan. The Board would also like to thank the Technical Sub-committee of the State Weeds Committee for their support in undertaking weed risk prioritisation. The Board also thanks the State Weeds Committee, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, and NSW Department of Primary Industries for their guidance.

The plan sets the priorities for weed management in the Murray region for five years from 2017. We look forward to community support for the plan and the opportunity to work with all stakeholders in weed management.

Richard Bull
Chair Murray Local Land Services

Murray Regional Weed Committee Chair's Foreword

The Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan marks a new phase of weed management in our region, bringing together state and local government with landholders and stakeholders in a combined effort to tackle ongoing weed issues.

Weed management is an integral part of sustainable agriculture, sound environmental management and the maintenance of biosecurity that underpins our rural industries. This plan will help us achieve our strategic goals in integrated land and water management across the region.

I would like to thank all members of the Murray Regional Weed Committee and the Executive Project Team for their contribution and spirit of cooperation, which helped me as Chair guide the process and produce a practical document that maps the way forward for weed management in the Murray region.

Mr. Neil Hibberson
Chair, Murray Regional Weed Committee

