



Natural  
Resources  
Commission



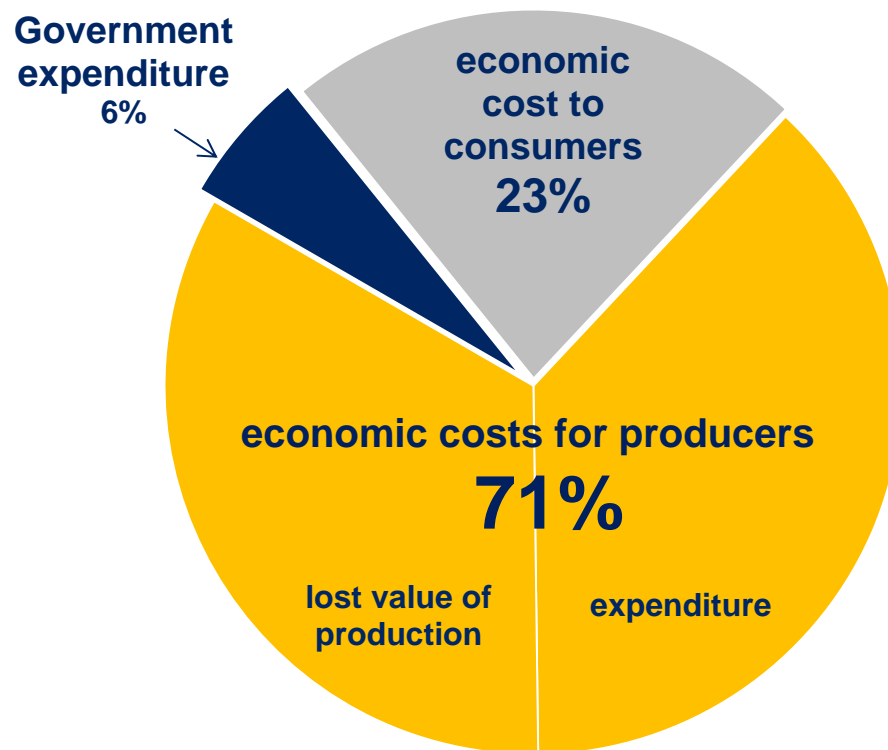
---

# TIME TO GET SERIOUS:

## REVIEW OF WEED MANAGEMENT IN NSW

April 2014

# Economic impacts



Total estimated economic costs = approximately **\$1.8 billion** annually

- This graph indicates % of total costs assessed which does not include value of environmental or health impacts

## What can we build upon?

- Strength of local government service delivery
  - Local relationships and knowledge, skilled staff
- Weeds Action Program
- Regional Weed Advisory Committees
- Volunteer / community work
- Biosecurity Strategy
- New LLS institutions



Mt Rogers Landcare Group managing serrated tussock; Source: Rosemary Blemings



Volunteers assist NPWS in managing Orange Hawkweed  
Source: NPWS – Jo Caldwell

## Where can we improve?

- Insufficient data to meaningfully assess outcomes
- Inconsistent requirements across tenure
- Inconsistent performance of Local Control Authorities
- Insufficient accountability

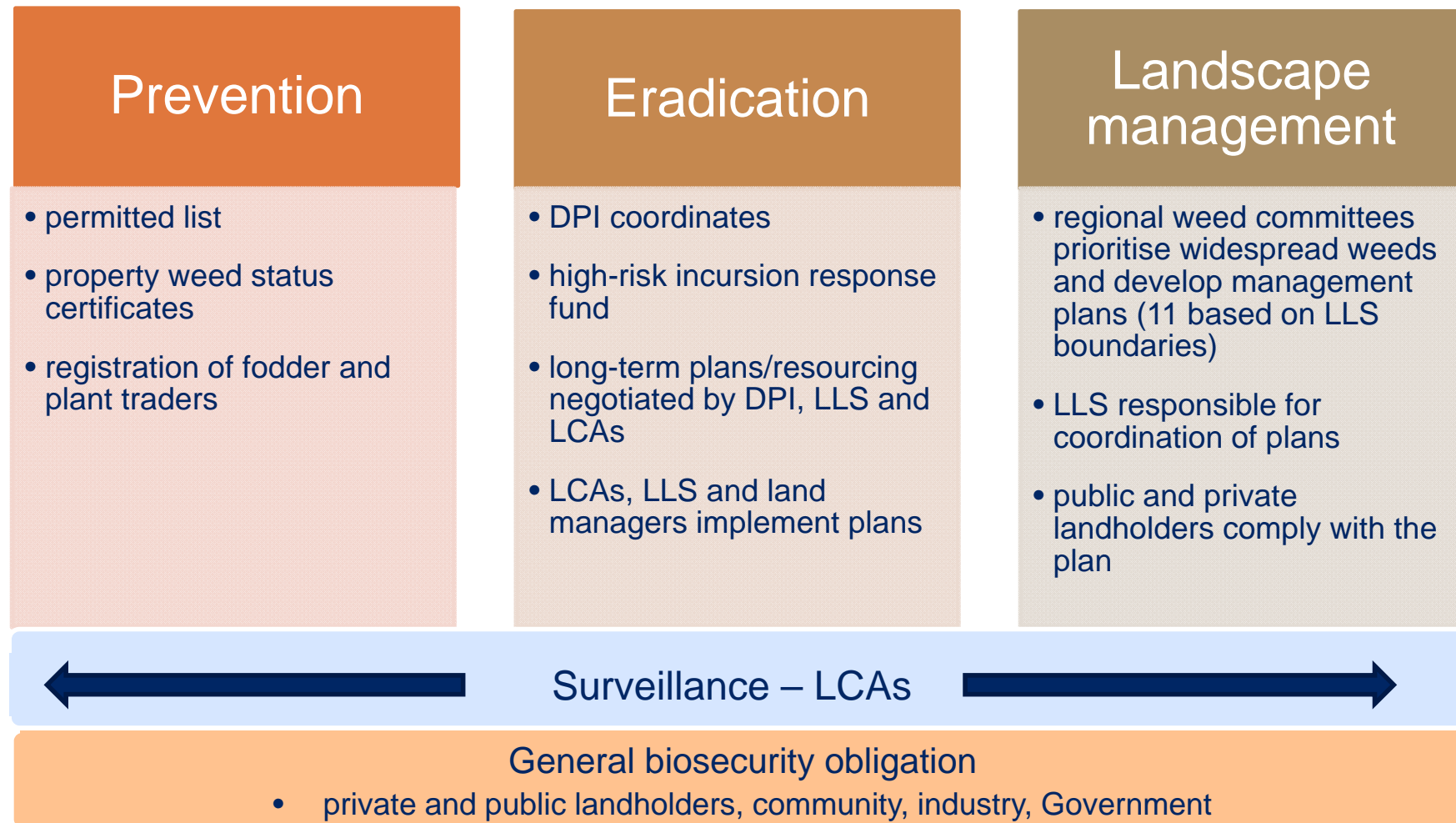
## Where can we improve?

- Roles and responsibilities lack clarity and resourcing is inadequate and not strategic
- Response to new incursions
- Risk management - including plant and fodder trade
- Research and development

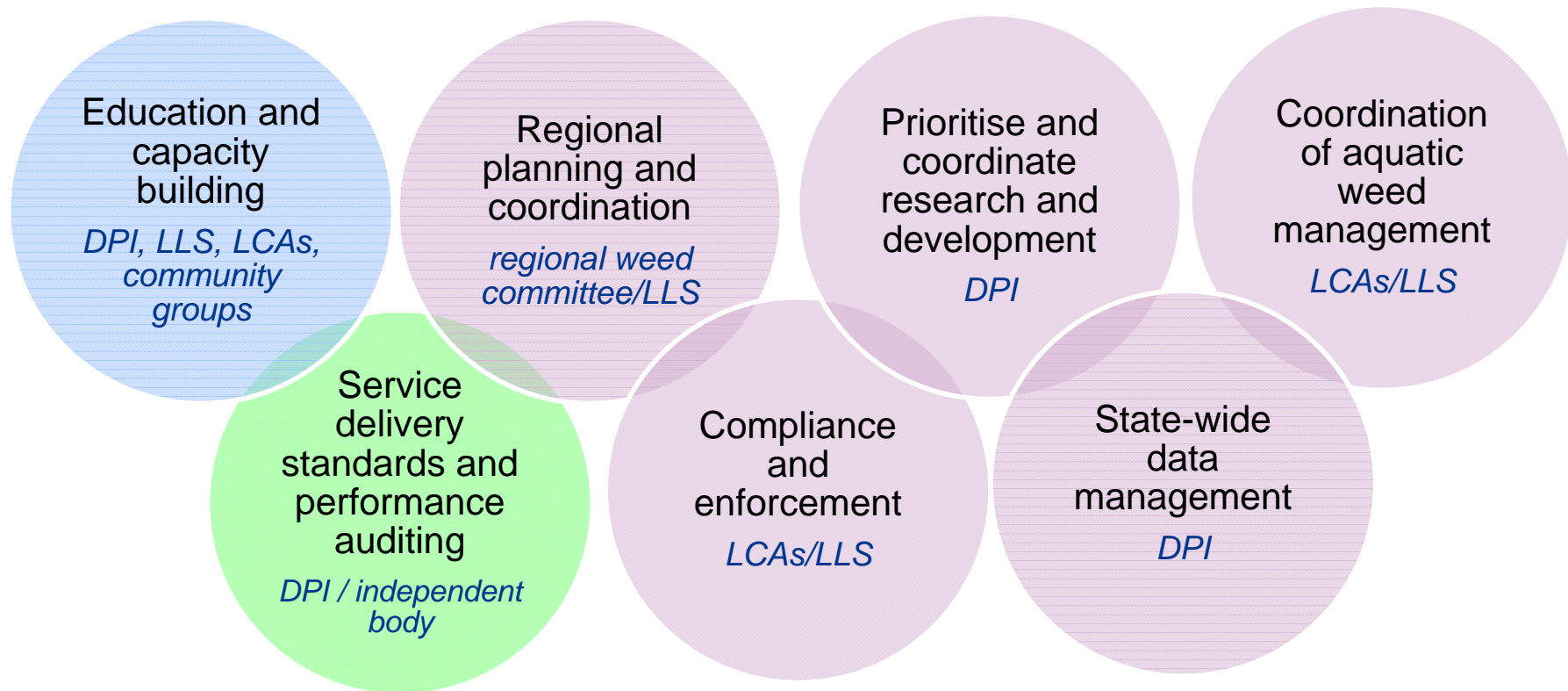
## Draft recommendations

- Reflect the differences between the management of eradicable incursions and widespread infestations
- Implement a tenure-neutral approach via regional weed committees and regional planning

# Draft recommendations: management objectives



# Draft recommendations: supporting functions







Natural  
Resources  
Commission

# QUESTIONS?

---

## Draft recommendations: proposed funding arrangements

Activity	Proposed funding
surveillance and capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shared between DPI and LCAs</li> <li>• LCA funds transfer to LLS if responsibilities transferred</li> </ul>
response to high-risk incursions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• high-risk incursion fund – similar to pest insect destruction fund</li> <li>• supported by LLS levy and government contributions</li> </ul>
eradication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• funding for longer-term eradication negotiated between DPI, relevant LLSs and LCAs and stakeholders</li> <li>• additional funds leveraged where possible</li> </ul>
widespread weed management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LLS/LCA funding directed according to regional plans</li> <li>• LLS may raise weed specific levy</li> <li>• public/private landholders meet regional plan requirements</li> </ul>
research and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPI to prioritise research and establish long-term funding strategy, leveraging additional funds where possible</li> </ul>

**SCALE**

**National**

Australian Government

**State**

Minister for Primary Industries  
NSW legislation and strategies

Ministerial Weed  
Advisory Committee

Department of Primary  
Industries

**Regional**

Local Land Services

Regional Weed  
Committees  
tenure-neutral subcommittee  
of LLS

**Local**

Local Control Authorities

Public and private landholders,  
community groups and agronomists

