

Transforming Wild and Weedy Australia: Outcomes of the 2020 Fenner Conference on the Environment

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Summary Over the last two decades there have been repeated calls for greater collaboration among policy makers, practitioners and researchers involved in weed management. Simultaneously, there have been major changes in the ways weeds are being managed, now forming part of biosecurity management, as well as significant environmental change, such as that incurred through the extreme bushfire season. In response to the calls for collaboration and changing policy, environmental and agricultural landscapes, thirty expert researchers, policy makers and practitioners met in February 2020 in Charlotte Pass, Kosciuszko National Park, to answer the question: What are the

highest priority actions we can commit to, working together across boundaries and disciplines, that will deliver the greatest contribution to radically improved weed management research, policy and practice in Australia? This interactive presentation will provide an overview of the innovative workshop format and the top five priority actions that were identified and committed to by the workshop participants. It will then invite further discussion and expressions of interest for making these high priorities a reality across and beyond Australia.

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