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**Q1**

First name

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**Q6**

Yes

Can we contact you about your submission (if required)?

**Q7**

Other (please specify):

What best describes you?

I am Recreational Hunter

**Q8**

**Statewide NSW**

Which of the following regions best describes your location/area of interest?

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**Q9**

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**Q10**

To what extent are the NSW environment, industries and communities currently impacted by invasive species?

While there is no denying that Invasive Species have an impact, any discussion should also consider the value of recreational hunting to the NSW Economy.

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**Q11**

To what extent do you think existing programs in NSW are effectively managing invasive species?

I think that the NSW DPI scheme that manages recreational hunting in state forests and on private land is very effective, as are the harvesting programs for macropods, deer, feral goats and feral pigs.

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**Q12**

What, if any, are the key barriers to effective management of invasive species?

Exclusion of significant stakeholders, such as recreational hunters from the discussion, and ignoring the positive financial and public health benefit that can be directly linked to consumptive use of invasive species.

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**Q13**

How has invasive species management changed since the introduction of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 legislation and associated programs and plans?

I think that the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 Legislation and associated programs and plans are poorly understood by the majority of people that are impacted by invasive species.

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**Q14**

What are the future risks posed by invasive species to the NSW environment, industries and communities?

The history of wildlife management in this country is that the issues are underestimated, and treated in a series of "one off" events with no ongoing management, e.g., the release of Myxo to control rabbits.

Without sustained, "nil tenure" management that uses all possible methods, and that is tailored to meet the requirements of individuals within the catchment, Wildlife populations will continue to become overabundant.

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**Q15**

What opportunities do you see to improve the outcomes of invasive species management in the future?

The adoption of an entrepreneurial approach that uses all management methods, including recreational hunters, wild game harvesters presents an opportunity to manage invasive species.

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**Q16**

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Any other comments?

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