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**Q1**

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q6**

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

Yes

**Q7**

What best describes you?

I am a private land manager/owner,

I am representing a state government agency

**Q8**

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

Western,

Central West

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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?

Severely impacted

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**Q11**

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

Some programs are effective, however the growing rate of invasive species is far greater than the control.

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**Q12**

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

Access to the country, limited staff availability, lack of knowledge by landholders, no approved control methods for feral cats.

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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?

Unaware

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**Q14**

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

The rate of decline of Australia's fauna is rapidly increasing. Each year more plants and animals are added to the list of threatened and extinct species, mostly due to impacts caused by invasive species. The effect of invasive species on our environment is a catastrophic issue that needs to be acted on before irreparable damage occurs.

invasive species also have an impact on agriculture production and our farmers already have other climatic elements to face that are beyond their control. The control of Invasive species in this country needs to be prioritised in order to protect our environment and agriculture sectors.

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**Q15**

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

Increase awareness to counterparts in city areas. Feral cats are a huge problem in Australia, almost covering the entire country. People need to be held accountable for poor pet ownership.

Focus needs to be on controlling mass numbers, the invasive pig, deer, fox, rabbit, cat, toad, brumby (etc) problem in Australia will never be eradicated, however, more strategic culling needs to occur to really decrease their populations. Technology needs to play a role in this strategy and use methods that are effective, humane and result in a crash impact to the given species population.

There are a lot of researchers studying the behaviour and movement of invasive species, it is now time to utilise these findings and make it affordable for people to contribute to controlling invasive species.

NSW must develop a feral cat management plan and increase awareness to all.

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**Q16**

Any other comments?

I would like to see the invasive species review result in an effective management plan for those animals and plants in our country. The current methods are not enough to control the ever-increasing population and therefore our approach needs to change. We need to get more people to understand why invasive animals need to be removed from our environment and get more landholders to agree to assisting authorities in this control.

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