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To: NRC
Subject: NSW Invasive Species Management Review- submission

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Dear Minister and department,

I believe the following is absolutely essential to control invasive species:

- Increase funding and frontline staff for programs which are long-term and strategic, rather than ad-hoc and politically-driven.
- Manage invasive species across the whole landscape, regardless of who owns or manages the land.
- Improve compliance and enforcement to ensure uncooperative landowners and public land managers are responsibly managing invasive species.
- Build the rapid response capacity to tackle invasive species after major disturbances including droughts, floods and fire.
- Prioritise prevention and early action, including through stamping out the movement of high risk plants, pet mammals, reptiles, birds and freshwater fish.
- Encourage collaboration and involvement of the community and industry in partnerships and shared solutions.
- Ensure independent oversight and accountability for government action on biosecurity and invasive species.
- Support statewide and national research and innovation to develop and encourage uptake of improved tools and practices.

I am constantly in a battle with rabbits where I live (Bowral). However, I am aware that cats, deer and pigs are also a major problem in the Southern Highlands of NSW where I live.

Many of us are trying our best to control these problems but just cannot get ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Yes

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

Q7

None of the above (I have a general interest in the topic)

What best describes you?

Q8

South East

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

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Q10

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

Far more than most people realise. They are a constant source of damage to both the natural and agricultural environments.

Q11

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

In some places they could be said to be on top of the situation. In other respects they are fighting a losing battle.

Q12

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

Lack of resources to reduce animals.

Q13

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

For the worse.

Q14

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

Complete devastation of local environments and loss of native species.

Q15

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

Should be using unemployed youth in regional and remote areas to implement some programs.

Q16

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Any other comments?
