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Q1

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Yes

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Q7

I am a private land manager/owner

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?

Destruction of native habitat

Loss of use of national parks due to fear and loss of enjoyment such as feral pigs, feral horses, increases flies due to higher levels due to rabbits.

Loss of increase income through ecotourism such as bird watching or bushwalking and subsequent stays at eco tourism and involvement in local communities in rural regional areas.

Q11

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

The system relies entirely on volunteers organising and begging for money to control pests and diseases.

Once involved local services are supportive and do a great job, but we should not need to be the ones that organise the weeding, the feral animal control, organise all the grants and mobilise all the troops. NPWS and local council need greater funding to organise the resources.

Q12

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

Public not understanding the damage that species like brumbies and cats actually do to our environment.

Q13

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

To be honest I don't know - we just keep doing our weeding and organising protection of our local endangered species.

Q14

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

The reports of brumby encroachment on campsites within in kosciuszko NP are frightening and a deterrent to use the park for overnight walking. Pigs and deer in areas on the south coast as well as on the roadways at night are also of great risk to drivers. The loss of local wildlife means the loss to ecotourism such as birdwatching or walking.

Q15

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

A good marketing campaign to explain the harm that feral animals are doing to our native habitat. some decent science to back up the claims. Some good high-profile champions advocates that explain their danger to environment and other species. Better methods to manage and remove carcasses? bilge burial - I don't know.

Q16

Any other comments?

Thanks for the opportunity. Why do people not value a frog or a possum? They are fearful of the death of a horse that they never see, but happen to eat chicken skewers from an animal that has been in a cage it's entire life? Thier reasoning is not rational. So maybe there is a good research article there :)
