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Q1

First name

Margaret

Q2

Last name

Skeel

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Respondent skipped this question

Organisation name (if relevant)

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Email address

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Phone number

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Q6

Yes

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

Q7

I am a private land manager/owner

What best describes you?

Q8

North Coast

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

Q9

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Q10

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

The environment is heavily impacted by invasive species including cats, foxes, deer, feral horses, pigs, rabbits and goats on the animal side and numerous feral weeds like lantana.

Q11

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

The existing programs are not effective as far as I can see.

Q12

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

The problem is so bit and the management is so piecemeal and underfunded that in many areas it is basically nonexistent. We need a comprehensive plan that covers all the problem species over the entire state.

Q13

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

We have an Invasive Species Council now. There is more awareness. Other than that, I don't see much change in my area.

Q14

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

Native species extinctions, loss of biodiversity, destruction of primary industries like beekeeping, introductions of diseases, the list goes on and on.

Q15

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

I hope we develop coordinated efforts that are much more effective.

Q16

Any other comments?

We have come a long way since the days of Acclimatization Societies but we still have a long way to go to control all the invasive species we have been left with.
