



Natural
Resources
Commission

SHARED PROBLEM, SHARED SOLUTIONS

Review of pest animal management in NSW

Review process

11 month review

589 submissions

5 regional tours

7 public meetings

6 focus groups

100 + research publications

Many meetings.....



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Economic impacts



Cost per year

\$170m_{pa}



NSW farmer spend

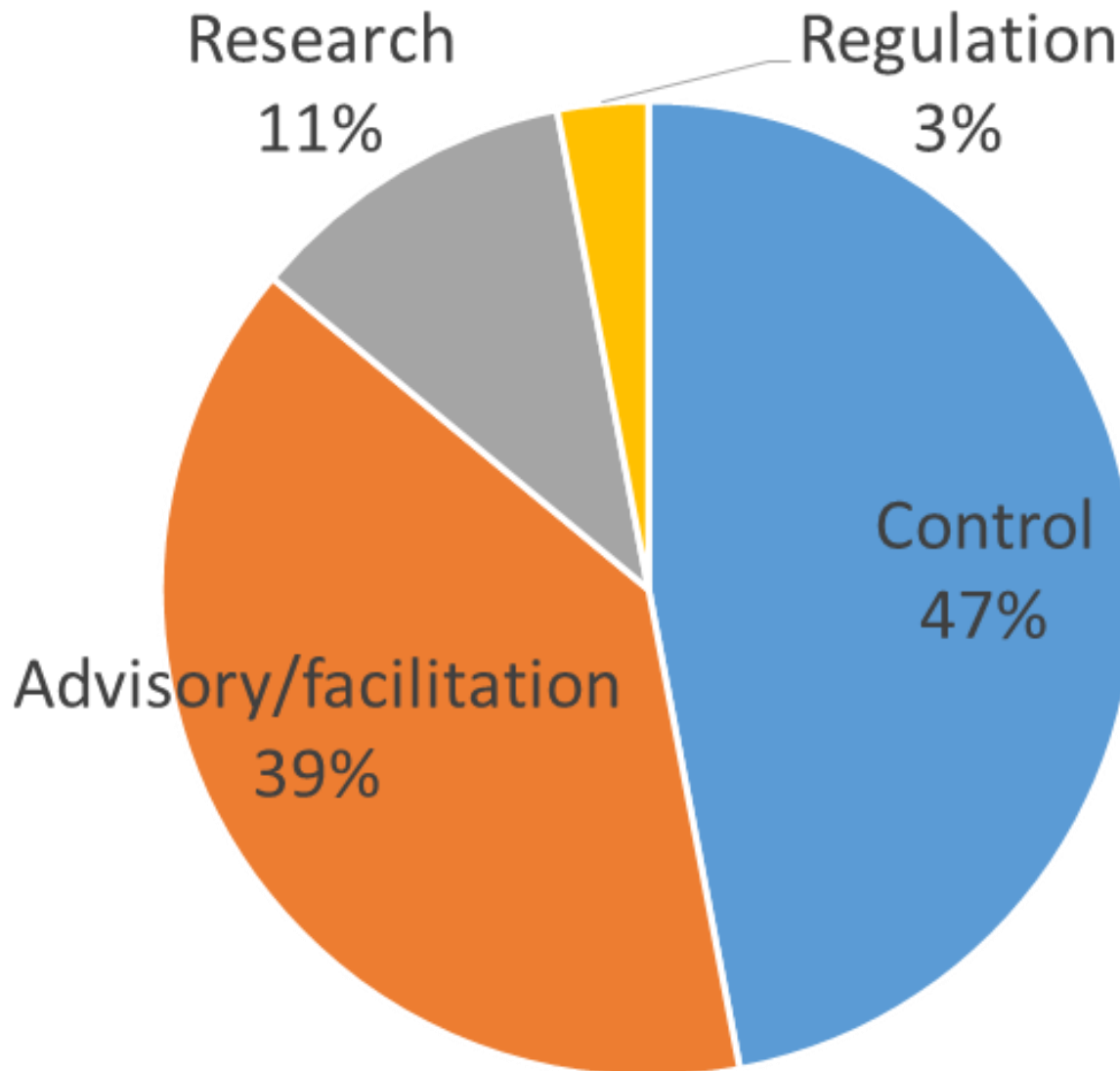
\$22m_{pa}



NSW government
invests

\$39m_{pa}

NSW Government spending \$39m



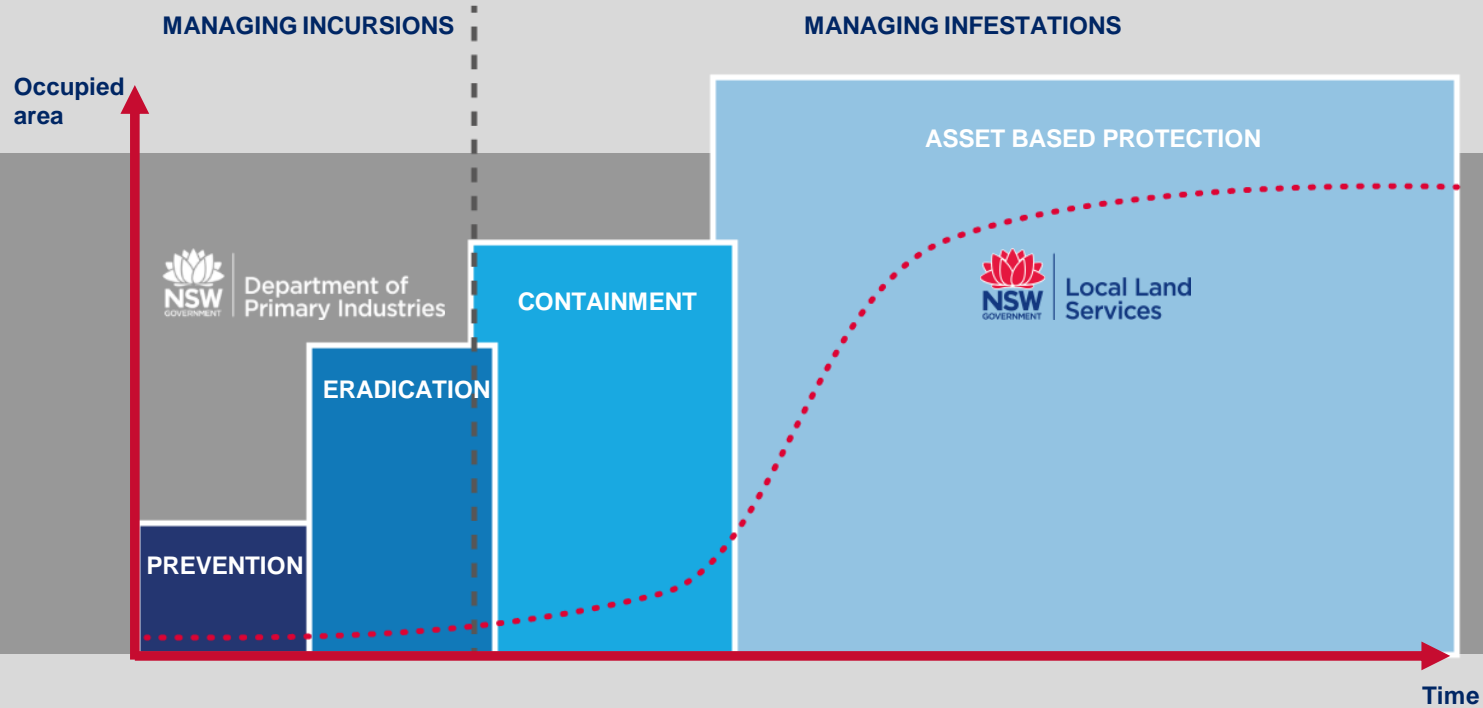
OEH expenditure: 37% of total Govt. spend

Species	% of total OEH spend	\$ p.a.
Wild dogs	43%	\$6.5m
Foxes	34%	\$5m
Pigs	11%	\$2m
Other	12%	\$2m

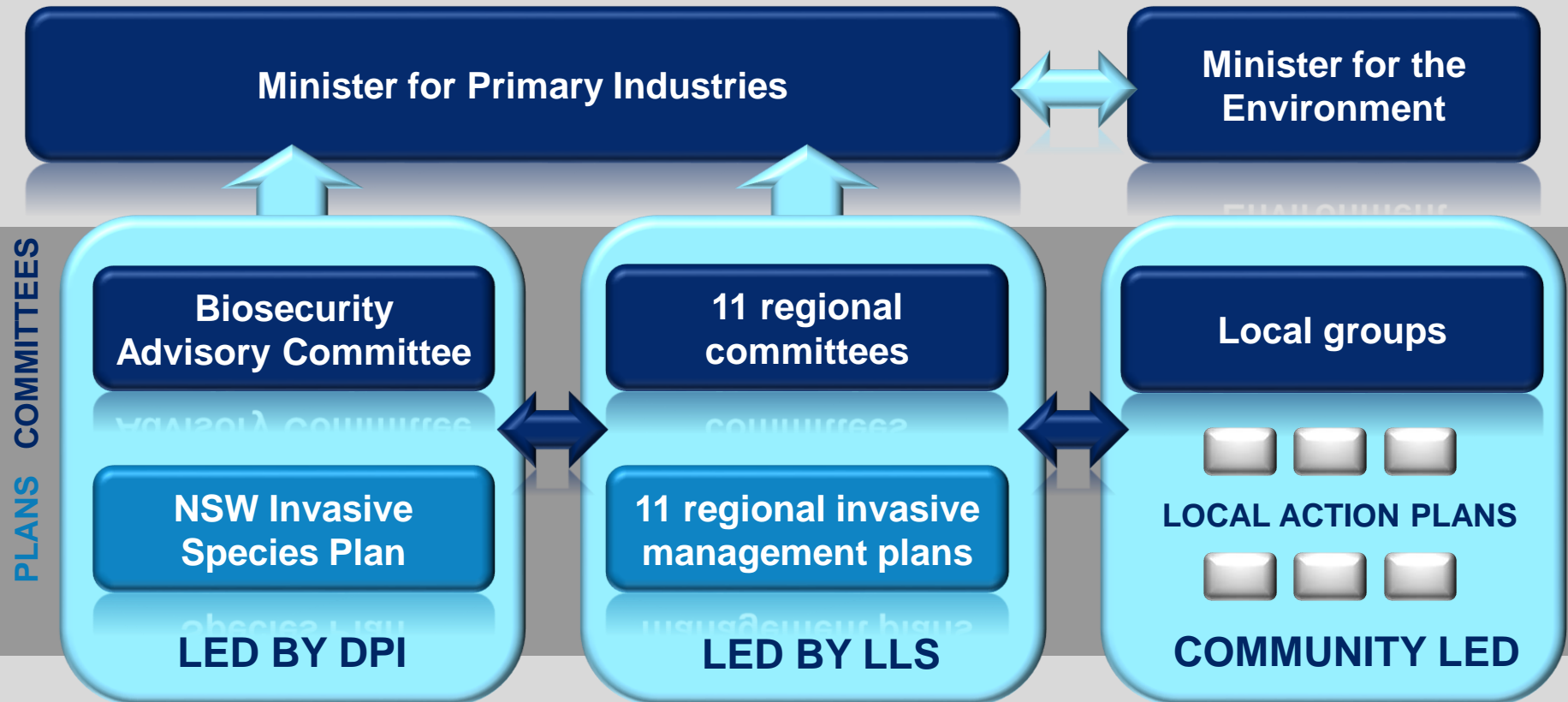
Summary of draft recommendations

1. Strengthen governance, planning and accountability
2. Better risk management
3. Coordinate collective action
4. Treat feral deer and feral cats as pests
5. Improve management of existing pests
6. Improve knowledge base
7. New funding

Creating clear roles and responsibilities



Strengthened governance and planning



Recommendations: Accountability

- Regional cross tenure invasive species plans
- Improve accountability of government and of landholders



Address new and emerging risks

- Risks increasing
- Early detection
- State-wide response
- LLS regional rapid response



Recommendations:

Coordinate collective action

- 11 regional pest management coordinators
- training and education for better on-ground management and understanding of the general biosecurity duty



Recommendations: Treat pests as pests

- Improve enforcement and compliance through consistent and streamlined regulation
 - Declaration of pests
 - Treat all major invasive species consistently



Recommendations: Deer

- Manage wild deer as a pest animal
- Simplify regulations surrounding recreational hunting on private land
- Engage recreational hunting groups as 1 tool among many



Recommendations: Cats

- Manage feral cats as a pest animal
- Improve responsible cat ownership
- Require owners of entire cats to be registered as breeders.
- Require all entire cats to be registered annually.

Recommendations: Smarter management

- Prioritise implementation of biocontrol for carp
- Improve wild dog management
- Reduce the impact of wild horses



Recommendations:

Improved knowledge base

- Invest in Invasive Species Solutions Centre
- Undertake surveys so data current
- Adopt standardised data collection
- Continuing investment for sustained research



Recommendations: Targeted Funding

- Provide adequate resources to public land managers
- Implement IPART recommendation and reduce the rateable land area from 10 hectares to 2 hectares
- Joint funding for LLS coordinators and rapid response



The importance of implementation

- Coordination, oversight and accountability crucial



Next steps

- The Commissions provided the final report to the Government on 4 August.
- The Commission will publically release the report once the Government has responded to the Commission's recommendations

