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Q1

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Q6

Yes

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

Q7

I am a researcher/academic

What best describes you?

Q8

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

North Coast,

Northern Tablelands

Q9

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Q10

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

Very highly. Invasive species have become established in most, if not all, niches and there are substantial flow on effects to our native wildlife, farmers, and urban areas. These effects range from displacement, to monetary, to safety issues for communities.

Q11

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

I think fox and dog management is relatively effective but could be improved. Cat management on the mainland appears to be ineffective. Management of invasive herbivores may yield high kill rates but the areas do not remain free of these species due to recolonisation or failure to entirely control the population.

Q12

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

- Different approaches across land tenures
 - Annual funding cycles means money comes in at inopportune times and makes it difficult to plan ongoing, long term control efforts.
 - Lack of job security for staff = high turnover and loss of expertise.
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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?

I am unsure as I was not been working in this field / aware at that time.

Q14

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

Extinction and displacement of native species

Destruction of natural habitat

Exotic animal disease

Further incursions into urban areas

Q15

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

Investment in new technologies (e.g. research into herpes for managing feral cats!)

Development of an ongoing, multi year funding or resource pool for invasive species management

Q16

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Any other comments?
