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Birdlife Southern Highlands

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Yes

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

Q7

I am representing an NGO or community group

What best describes you?

Q8

South East

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?

Invasive species, including flora and fauna have an accountable impact on the local region. Introduced plants have become weeds in many of our native forests often replacing the native species which provide food and habitat for native animals and birds. Feral animals kill unimaginable numbers of native animals either by direct predation or by consuming plants vital to native animal survival

Q11

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

In my opinion the current programs do very little to manage invasive species. Refer to the damage done by pigs, goats, deer and horses in National Parks, Relative unplanned development has a huge impact on fauna corridors vital to species survival. Offset programs are just a joke utilise by big business to determined to destroy precious areas in favour of development.

Q12

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

Generation Marshmallow. Comprising vegans and animal liberationists. Too much time and effort is spent securing votes and not enough time and effort actually dealing In my opinion the only change has been for the worstwith the issues

Q13

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

In my opinion the only noticeable change has been for the worst. A very simple effect change would be to legislate that all domestic cats MUST be contained 24 hours a day. This would reduce the number of bird deaths dramatically.

Q14

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

Loss of habitat for native flora and fauna. Impact on farming communities by the introduction of ferals such as the most recent Verona Mite into the bee industry. Cane Toads and Prickly Pear are all examples of ferals having an impact on the environment.

Q15

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

Improve Biosecurity screening at airports and ports. picking up the occasional traveller with too much food in their bags has little to do with large shipping containers and overseas passenger ships arriving daily carrying all sorts of invasive species, weeds, rats, Common mynas, waterborne insects. A determined effort, maybe by way of bounties, to eliminate feral animals in our national parks and native bushland.

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Any other comments?
