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Yes

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

Q7

What best describes you?

I am a private land manager/owner,

I am a researcher/academic,

None of the above (I have a general interest in the topic)

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?

Massively. The ever rising costs of managing to prevent, control or eradicate invasive species is driving up the costs of food and services, draining budgets and destroying our life giving ecosystems and ability to cope with impacts like climate change.

Q11

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

Very poorly. Varroa Destructor is an example. So much money spent and yet illegal movement of hives was not policed. Deer are another example where LLS wait until the problem is big before acting an then it is too late to prevent. Prevent is cheaper so stop invasives early. Weeds and ferals are getting worse not disappearing. The Biosecurity Act is too weak and is not working.

Q12

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

Legal teeth and resources and support and incentives for land managers to act on all invasive species. Add costs of a weed or pest to price of that commodity. The public will soon demand action to eradicate it happens. Regulate the industries bringing in new weeds for nurserys or aquariums.

Q13

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

It appears to have got weaker. Too many weeds are listed for containment when eradication is needed.

Q14

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

Total collapse of ecosystems. Pricing products out of market. The spread of more fire tolerant grasses like in northern Australia will be catastrophic.

Q15

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

Make management of invasive species are much higher priority for everyone. Threatening processes which facilitate the introduction and spread of invasive species must be fully costed upfront or avoided.

Q16

Any other comments?

The eradication of deer, cats, horses, fox, goats and pigs must become a high priority across tenures.
