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I support all the recommendations for cat control and applaud you for finally taking threat from domestic cats to the forefront.

I do however not agree with your statement that biological control of feral cats is considered unfeasible due to the potential impact on the domestic cat population. Since our feral cat population is virtually Australia wide the only real control measure we have is biological control.

All other methods are very nice, but will only work in a small area and will need to continue indefinitely.

We do not have enough resources to effectively reduce the Australian feral cat population.

A biological control method is the only available solution and if a vaccine or similar needs to be developed to protect the domestic cat population, than the is where we need to invest money into. Any other control method is like throwing good money down a bottomless pit.

I completely support the recommendations for re-introducing aerial culling for feral horses. It is the only available effective way to reduce feral horse numbers in remote areas. Current trapping and transporting of wild horses to a saleyard is far more inhumane than aerial culling. The grim fact is also that most of these horses end up going to the abattoir anyway.

Thanks for giving land managers more tools to conserve our great land
Good luck and keep up the good work.