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Pest Animal Review  
Natural Resources Commission  
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### **SUBMISSION TO ANIMAL PEST REVIEW**

I do not accept that wild deer in Australia (NSW) should be considered for listing as a declared pest.

Wild deer certainly need to be controlled, but should be managed as an economic asset and certainly not as a pest. Under a properly managed program, wild deer are a valuable resource to landowners and potentially form part of their farming enterprise. Listing as a pest, does not mean practical and effective management.

There is no wide ranging quantified evidence existing in Australia that wild deer are having significant environmental impact. There are only references from overseas countries. Landowner control and management is a far more effective than listing as a pest and to be administered by bureaucrats. Any environmental impact caused by wild deer pales into insignificance when compared to the detrimental damage effected by cattle and sheep.

Wild deer in Queensland have been a declared pest now for some 6 years and no change has been effected by this listing. All it has done is provide a potential impost on landowners impacting the operation of their enterprise. It certainly has done nothing to control or manage wild deer.

The use of poison is not an acceptable form of control.



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