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Natural Resources Commission

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to take this opportunity to make a submission or provide comments for consideration in regard to the State-wide review of NSW pest animal management Issues Paper.

My family has been on the land for many years, as I am now sixth generation farming on the property we have encountered a variety of pests over that period of time, be it animal, weed or agencies.

Since the early nineties we have had wild dog predation on our stock. This has a very time consuming and economic effect on livestock, business and lives. We have always encountered rabbits and foxes but now have feral goats, pigs and not to mention deer depending on season and animal movements

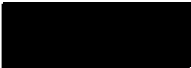
Something has to be done now as the increase of each pest species within New South Wales grow in numbers each year it won't take long for the rural and farming enterprises to be over-run

.. AUSTRALIA WILL POSSIBLY BE THE FOOD BOWL TO THE WORLD in the future, we need to look after it now.

The important factor in a State wide Review of Pest Animals cannot only look at NSW.....it must look at things Nationally, Australia as a whole . An example of this is in the National Wild Dog Action Plan it is frayed , no consistency between States on some definitions.

The increase in Pest numbers in rural and remote areas could see a possible outbreak of disease (Foot and Mouth, Q Fever, Hendra etc) in our livestock industry and could cripple trade to other countries not to mention the possibility of human infection . *Human infection is not really being looked at, The National Parks and Wildlife Service acknowledge in a Draft Plan of Management - (Morton National Park, Budawang National Park) back in 1998 page 22 that "As dogs use caves in the Budawangs", cave camping may pose a threat to public health.*

We cannot have single inflexible ruling to Pests, we must have a flexible approach which involves or provides a range of control measures..no single approach, a combination approach and it should not be governed by one body, there has to be input and consultation from all stakeholders.



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Control or eradication methods must take into consideration and the pest species. Not one rule fits all approach and the need to utilise the best method for the situation (aerial culling, ground baiting, trapping etc).

Funding is one of the major issues with any form of Pest control from any sector be it government or Private land managers , current funding is inadequate we,(NSW) cannot afford to have any funding cuts. Funding needs to be looked at as a priority.

What will it take our meat industry quarantined.....a death ,or maybe a train derailment caused by deer on railway lines before anything is seriously looked at, imagine the cost then.

NOW IS THE TIME..... we have to do something about Pest control.

Yours sincerely

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