

SUBMISSION TO NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ISSUE PAPER OF STATE-WIDE REVIEW OF

NSW PEST ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

From East Monaro Landholders Litchfield and Green

Over many years we have been part of the East Monaro Co-operative nil tenure Wild Dog Plan. This plan had been outstanding both from a perspective of landholders in the area and all agencies. However the LLS has taken time to resolve many issues concerning landholders and at this time there are still some unresolved issues of pest animal management. Nil tenure co-operative plans of management are the key to success of Pest Animal Management (see attached data sheets) and the communication between ALL stake holders is essential .

The most cost effective and successful Pest Animal Management is delivered by well resourced and permanently employed Pest Animal Controllers at the front line working in conjunction with landholders/agencies.

We feel strongly that it is imperative that Pest Animal Controllers currently employed by the LLS must have long term job security  
They are a cost effective tool in sustained nil tenure approach to pest animal management.  
Coordination with Forestry is essential for overall pest animal control.

The success of Pest Animal Control should not just be measured (in the case of wild dogs) on the number of dogs trapped but on the holistic approach to private land management. That is the restocking of areas alongside public lands. In the case of East Monaro we judge the success of Pest Animal Control on the productivity achieved by restocking private land.

Recognition of Pest Animal Controllers (especially dog trappers) success must be measures/monitored by a reputable central data base.

Management of all native species within Public Lands must be reflected towards balanced populations of all readily monitored species

Our apprehension is for the future:

Where will Pest Animal Controllers be permanently 'housed'?

Where does the National Wild Dog Plan fit into local Plans of Management?

Who will coordinate the future of Pest Animal Management?

We suggest the best approach to the above 3 questions is for independent Regional co-ordinators working under the NWDAP to deliver communication, co-ordination and data analysis at the Frontline

The success of the East Monaro plan delivered triple bottom line objectives over the last 12 years (excluding when the LLS restructured and disrupted continuity of management).

Please consider all of the above. Sincerely RM & S Lichfield, MJ Green & Sons.