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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for making submissions available for this review of pest management.

As a landholder I feel far more could be done to effectively manage pest species in NSW. The benefits to native flora, fauna and livestock production would be marked from only minor legislative changes.

As a conservationist and hunter, I see it as an unfortunate occurrence that misguided sentiment is often put forward rather than solid science and objective research.

Trained, safety conscience and insured hunters are a viable means to control feral species on public land, especially vast tracks of cordoned, uninhabited national parkes.

Victoria has a bounty system for particularly destructive pest species like foxes and feral dogs, which costs the tax payer millions of dollars per year in damages and losses, not to mention millions of native birds, reptiles and marsupials that are destroyed by the feral predators. NSW should adopt a bounty system immediately for economic benefit to farmers and the wider community.

I have seen first hand the positive effects of hunting, trapping and baiting feral pests at a private level.

The cost of doing nothing is far to high, studies exist to show the efficacy of hunting to deal with targeted feral species, not just Australia but also New Zealand.

Moreover, ethical hunting is known to be a sustainable practice that benefits local economies and insures habitat protection not just in North America and African but also most European nations.

Regards, Robert Coveny.

Sent from my iPhone