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**Q1**

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**Q6**

Yes

Can we contact you about your submission (if required)?

**Q7**

I am representing local government

What best describes you?

Q8

Greater Sydney

Which of the following regions best describes your location/area of interest?

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Q9

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Q10

To what extent are the NSW environment, industries and communities currently impacted by invasive species?

This question could be answered in a very long submission however in the interest of brevity I will say that Invasive species are under funded and under resourced statewide as well as ignored or people are unaware of the damage and cost that invasive species cause. Regardless of the economic cost, the environmental cost to our fragile ecosystems is immense and left to private landholders mostly to manage alone, especially widespread weeds like lantana, privet, African olive etc etc and feral animals such as foxes and deer.

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Q11

To what extent do you think existing programs in NSW are effectively managing invasive species?

Individual programs may be effective but overall, they aren't effective.

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Q12

What, if any, are the key barriers to effective management of invasive species?

Resources and education of Government, landholders and the general public. Economic barriers exist for private landholders to fund weed control and or feral animal control. Most programs are economy driven so that environmental concerns are not given good funding.

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Q13

How has invasive species management changed since the introduction of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 legislation and associated programs and plans?

I can't comment because I have only recently become aware of the legislation, I can however say that as far as I know no one has yet been prosecuted under the new Act.

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**Q14**

What are the future risks posed by invasive species to the NSW environment, industries and communities?

Destruction of critically endangered ecosystems, loss of income and access to resources due to contamination, dangerous driving conditions due to deer on the roads and communities unable to manage their own spaces due to invasive feral animals such as deer. Foxes and cats are increasing. Cats are not managed at all under local govt acts which needs to change ASAP.

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**Q15**

What opportunities do you see to improve the outcomes of invasive species management in the future?

Instead of funding innumerable new sporting facilities, building more car parks and spending billions on consultant's fund the local control authorities and Local Land Services to do and coordinate more feral animal and invasive weed control instead of expecting private landholders to carry out their own self-funded works in a economic climate that people cant even feed themselves.

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**Q16**

Any other comments?

I sound frustrated ! Yes I am and I can only see this area becoming more under funded in this economic climate, knowing how much money is being squandered when they could be funding real issues affecting the long term survival of Australia's unique landscapes and animals. Once they are gone you can't get them back.

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