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Q1

First name



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Last name

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Organisation name (if relevant)

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Email address

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Phone number

Q6

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

Q7

What best describes you?

Respondent skipped this question

Yes

I am a private land manager/owner

322 / 396

Greater Sydney

Q8

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

Q9

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Q10

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

I live next to a reserve in an urban area in Wollongong NSW. The reserve is severely impacted by feral deer, which at certain times of year cause a great deal of damage to local flora - killing small trees, including trees planted by bush care groups in efforts to regenerate the area. The deer are also a hazard to the public, as they walk and run onto public roads in the area. On one occasion I saw a near miss, as four full grown deer ran at full speed onto a busy road in the middle of the day, causing several drivers to have to break suddenly.

Q11

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

Any efforts to control deer populations in this area do not appear to be effective. In my time living in this area, deer sightings and damage caused by deer have become more frequent.

Q12

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

I understand that deer control by shooting in urban areas is challenging. I am not aware of other approached to management of feral deer.

Q13

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

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Q14

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

Feral deer pose a risk to public safety as they are a traffic hazard coming onto public roads, particularly during breeding season. Feral deer also have a detrimental impact on bushcare and bush regeneration efforts in our community.

Q15

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

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

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Any other comments?