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Thank you for this opportunity,

As a volunteer bush carer, it is frustrating to see our newly planted tube stock of endemic species being eaten by rabbits and deer. We have to put cages around every plant. So frustrating.

At Integral Energy Park, West Dapto, [REDACTED] City Council have told me they are reluctant to bait rabbits and the deer problem is way out of everyone's control, there needs to be a methodical way to remove these pressures on our urban environment and more importantly the bush.

Foxes need to be eliminated as well, if we did succeed in removing all the rabbits, then foxes would only have our native animals to decimate faster.

There is a small remnant population of Platypus (sighted) hanging on still in the creek systems in West Dapto, but the ever-encroaching urban sprawl of housing, bringing with them more stray cats and dogs,

plus, the foxes, deer, and rabbits, I feel if nothing is done, soon, we will lose not just the Platypus, but many small animals and endemic plants. Once gone, it is tremendously expensive to reintroduce, and maybe gone forever.

Thank you,

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