

# #101

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**Q1**

First name

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**Q2**

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**Q3**

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**Q6**

Yes

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

**Q7**

I am a private land manager/owner

What best describes you?

**Q8**

Riverina

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?

Feral animals are affecting the environment drastically. Foxes and feral cats are massive predators, wrecking the environment, while foxes also cause lamb losses in the millions. Carp are devastating the Murrumbidgee River system. Instead of being the clear clean rivers and creeks I knew 40 years ago, the slower moving creeks (Yanco Billabong system for example) are muddy, dirty carp ponds.

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**Q11**

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

Nothing to control carp.

Nothing to control feral cats.

Little to control foxes.

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**Q12**

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

A lack of Government backbone to get active on eradicating these invasive species.

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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?

Nothing that I can see.

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**Q14**

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

The environment will continue to degrade, more species will become extinct. The scale of the damage is not even being investigated in a serious manner.

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**Q15**

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

Release of the Carp herpes virus would be a good start.

Biological control of feral cats? Domestic cats are all vaccinated, so room to move. Biological control of foxes.

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**Q16**

Any other comments?

Carp are very bad, pushing many native species of fish and invertebrates towards extinction. Action needed.

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