



## INVASIVE SPECIES

Within NSW there are a number of invasive species plans which provide direction for the statutory requirements of Local Lands Services with relevance to all communities working in primary industries and natural resource management who have to make decisions about the impacts of invasive species, both pest animals and weeds.

2020/21 sees further implementation of the Central West Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan (RSPAMP). This plan has been prepared by a Regional Pest Animal committee made up of representatives from public and private land managers.

The general aim of the RSPAMP is to encourage landholders to perform on-ground controls in a coordinated manner and using integrated control methods. The invasive species unit prioritise region-wide projects including pest species monitoring and targeted control activities in conjunction with landholder groups.

Also, the unit provides support to landholder groups to develop project plans to possibly be funded through the Special Purpose Pest Management Rate across the Central West Local Land Services region which will provide significant investment to the region. Staff will be monitoring successful projects that include:

- Continuation of wild dog management capacity building for land managers.
- Coordination of landholder groups and preparation of group project plans to seek external funding opportunities.
- Targeted Monitoring for Deer & possibly Pigs.
- Spring and Autumn Aerial Wild dog baiting.
- Communications for Alert Species as identified within the RSPMP.
- Exploring the implementation of Feral Fighter initiatives.
- Reinvigoration of old, and establishment of new, landholder pest control groups.

### Stakeholders engaged in delivery

Private and public land managers, other LLS regions, local pest animal groups, National Parks & Wildlife, Forestry Corporation NSW, Crown Lands, Aboriginal landholders and groups, Landcare, Local Government, NSW Department of Primary Industries

These investment projects will build on the existing annual strategically coordinated programs such as group fox and pig baiting programs. There is continued resources being allocated to priority pest species across locations where identified biosecurity risks and impacts exist.

New pest animal management groups are established where possible. Most of these new groups begin as a fox or pig baiting group and other pest animal species are integrated into an annual program for the group.

The main focus in all areas of Central West Local Land Services region is for the development of long term and coordinated programs that provide benefits for agricultural and environmental outcomes, cover a multitude of home ranges of pest species and build capacity for land managers in the ongoing management of pest species.

Pest animal control programs will be coordinated to include all parts of the business with system wide benefits and a push to a more integrated approach to pest management, natural resource management and recognition of cultural and heritage across our communities.

Wild dogs are an emerging pest species in areas to the east of our region where high risk pathways have been identified and intervention has become necessary. Collaboration and strategic planning of ongoing control programs with adjoining Local Land Services and land managers will continue using best practices.



### Funding source

Funded by rates and the Pest Animal Management Levy



### Regional priorities addressed

Water (Availability & Access)

Groundcover decline

Biodiversity decline

Economics: capacity to recover and/or manage change

Disasters