



Coordinated pest animal control around Burruga

Background

Central Tablelands Local Land Services is working with the community to build preparedness for potential livestock diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease. Foot and Mouth Disease is highly contagious and if found in our region will have the potential to spread through local pest animal populations.

Pest animals, including feral pigs, feral deer, and feral goats are potential carriers of foot and mouth disease and are also recognised as having a range of impacts or potential impacts on the natural environment, the agricultural industry, farm infrastructure and animal health through being vectors for zoonotic diseases like Q fever, *Leptospirosis* and *Brucella suis* infection.

This program will see Central Tablelands Local Land Services conduct an intensive pest animal control program for these pests as well as others including wild dogs and feral cats in the Burruga area with the expectation that landholders contribute further pest animal control work to maintain low numbers of pest animals in the area into the future.

Project proposal

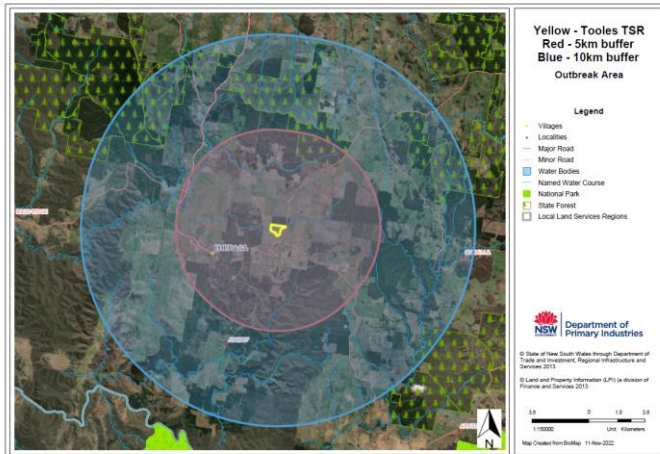
This project is part of the Central Tablelands Local Land Services program on Foot and Mouth Disease preparedness.

Landholders in up to a 10km radius area from Tooles TSR site near Burruga (shown on the map over the page) will have the opportunity to participate in an integrated pest animal program, including aerial pest animal control, along with other control methods such as baiting and trapping programs.

Central Tablelands Local Land Services will work with the landholders in the Burruga area to undertake an initial intensive pest animal control program to reduce the numbers of pest animals in area.

Landholders will be expected to participate in ongoing pest animal control activities and monitoring after the initial intensive control program is undertaken by the Central Tablelands Local Land Services.

Local Land Services



The Burruga Pest Animal Control program is centred around the Tooles TSR – marked in yellow on the map above.

There are two areas of work based around the centre point of Tooles TSR. The first is the area within 5km of the TSR (shaded pink on the map), the second being the area between the 5-10km radius from Tooles TSR (shaded light blue on the map).

The project activities for the coming 6 months are listed below:

- Information about the program sent out to and contact made with landholders within the 10km radius
- February 2023 – community meeting
- March 2023 – aerial thermal survey of the whole 10km radius area
- Late March/Early April 2023 aerial pest control program undertaken within the 5km radius of the project area (pink shaded area)
- April 2023 – community meeting sharing results of initial aerial pest control work and establishing further trapping and baiting programs
- Mid May 2023 – aerial pest control program undertaken across the 10km radius zone
- May 2023 – follow up aerial thermal survey undertaken
- June 2023 – community meeting to share program results
- January-June 2023 Individual landholder pest animal control e.g. Baiting, trapping, shooting and reporting of pest numbers controlled.

Who does what?

Local Land Services:

- Coordinate Community meetings in February, April and June 2023
- Aerial thermal pest animal survey pre and post intensive pest animal control program
- Initial pest animal population reductions through the aerial pest animal control program

Landholders/land managers:

- Be an active participant in the intensive pest animal program
- Attend community meetings about the program in February, April and June 2023.
- Continue ongoing pest animal control works undertaken in the area to maintain low pest animal numbers in the area
- Report any pest animal control activities undertaken to Local Land Services or enter results into FeralScan



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Further information about the program.

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