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National Parks need to be baited for fox control regularly as is done in WA. The evidence of feral animals such as pigs, wild dogs should be made a mandatory requirement of anyone holding rural land. Failure to notify should attract a fine, say \$100 first offence, providing the person is asked prior to the fine being issued if there are those animals on their properties, some of them being city people in the bush would maybe be ignorant. Anyone who does not declare the presence of animals deemed dangerous to farmers on their properties should have those animals controlled by National Parks and Wildlife whether they like it or not.

Domestic dogs wandering should be deemed the same as a dingo and allowed to be shot if it is on the landholders property, The responsibility should be on the owner of the animal to know where his animal is at all times, my sheep dog is caged in a locked pen every night and she cannot escape.

TV programs presenting the problems that certain animals are currently causing could be quite beneficial and educational.

Spotlighting for deer on private land should be legalised.

Silencers should be banned as I believe they can pose a risk to public safety. People hearing the report of a rifle can take sensible precautions and the fact that firearms used in rural vermin control would be more accepted by the wider community.

Every assistance should be used to encourage the sensible management of kangaroos, the non commercial use of the animals should be allowed by the landholder or his nominees, the license to harm should remain and the need to annually report numbers taken retained. If a license is to be necessary then the appropriate firearm should also be retained- for kangaroos a 22 Hornet could be the minimum as I own 207 acres and many of my roos are taken 50 to 70 metres out even in daylight. A 308 the maximum. There is no need for the high calibre magnum cartridges nor semi automatic firearms. All professional kangaroo harvesters are using bolt action firearms. It would be a good idea for the Police to hold a list of people holding Licenses to Control vermin, it would save them attending nuisance calls by the emotive green element in our society.

Priority licensing for rural landholders actually producing off their properties should be commenced by the Police Firearms branch and the holder of a current interstate firearm license be automatic to their being issued a NSW Firearm License. As many kangaroos are being injured by conflict with vehicles the humane euthanasia of an injured animal even if on a road should be allowed. I personally have requested an injured animal be euthanized, a boomer with both shattered from conflict with a vehicle, the Police, the Shire, National Parks, and Wires all could not or would not attend,

A single round from a .22 rifle angled into the ground would have finished the animals suffering, instead a guy with an axe went and attacked it. I am rural raised, 69 years of age, been a serving Police Officer, and a Registered Remote Area Nurse. I am also a Ship's Doctor by Maritime Law, I have used firearms since I was 16 years old=

I did not approve of the way that animal was killed but the stupid laws we currently have prevents anyone doing the sensible thing and shooting it safely. More people need to be approved to do this.

The term Rural Producer should apply to anyone running say 20 sheep or more. You should not have to be a rural producer by Taxation Department Criteria.

Tagging of the shot animals is a waste of time, but accurate records including the sex shot should be reported annually to National Parks and Wildlife. E Mail or mail applications should be all that is necessary to obtain the license.

To allow a commercial processor to set up in the Bega Valley, Cooma, Bombala areas would allow licensed kangaroo harvesters to control the numbers on properties where the owners do not want to shoot themselves, or they have the numbers that would make it viable for the commercial harvesters..