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Question 1

The revised strategy sets out the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders in pest animal management and prevention. Are these clear?

Yes, but very large numbers of landholders will have the control of pest animals as a low priority.

Question 2

Are the goals and priorities of the strategy focused in the necessary areas? Why / why not?
No, because because pest animal control strategies have not considered why the pest animal problem is much more serious for full time landholders than what it has been in the past.

Prior to the introduction of the 1996 gun laws most men in country towns owned a firearm. Shooting pest animals was a very common pass time. Today there are very few people shooting pest animals.

The subdivision of agricultural land into smaller holdings has resulted in a very large proportion of landholders depending on an off farm income. Landholders in these circumstances do not require an income from their properties resulting in they often do not care what pest animals are living or roaming on their properties. These landholders have very little incentive to control pest animals which they often consider as pets. Pet wild pigs, pet kangaroos, pet foxes you name it and they've got it. They don't care and are not prepared to go to the trouble and expense to remove these pest animals from their land.

I can remember when I was a child. Ninety percent of the landholders were full time farmers whose lively hoods depended on controlling pest animals. So they did. Today, there would be trouble if someone shot one of these hobby farmer's kangaroos. Their roaming domestic dogs forced me out of sheep. I can remember when all roaming domestic dogs were shot on sight. Today most of the sheep are gone due to domestic dog attacks.

**Question 3**

The strategy is intended to describe how pest animal management fits into Australia's biosecurity system. Is the link between Australia's biosecurity system and pest animal management made clear in the strategy? why / why not?

Yes, the link is clear.

**Comments / Feedback**

Any other comments or feedback?

Unless something is done to control the kangaroo problem in the next few years I will have to cease attempting to make a full time living from the farm. Take a job in town and abandon the farm to the native vegetation, the weeds, wild life and pest animals. They can have the lot.

Government laws and landuse planning polices have made it impossible. I will be like the rest of the landholders in this area, "I could not care less."

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