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DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS: PEST ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW UNDERWAY

Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair, has today announced the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) will lead an independent review to deliver better management of pest animals in NSW.

“This government knows all too well the impact pest animals can have on the state’s primary industries, environment, economy and society – that’s why it is so important we look at new and improved ways of management,” Mr Blair said.

“This announcement delivers on a key election commitment, as part of our historic [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with NSW Farmers.”

Pest animals are estimated to cost Australia more than \$1 billion annually. The review will identify future opportunities to assist and improve pest animal management across all land tenures, public and private.

NSW Farmers Conservation Resource Management spokesperson Mitchell Clapham said it is great to see the government delivering on one of the key items the MOU we signed together before the state election.

“The review is good news for farmers because for too long pest animal control has been treated in patchwork fashion in NSW,” Mr Clapham said.

“A more strategic and coordinated approach towards pest animal control on both public and private land will help farmers to focus on what they do best – producing the best food and fibre for consumers. We look forward to the consultation process and encourage all farmers who have a interest in better pest management to get involved and have their say.”

The NRC will travel across the state to gather on-ground information, which will inform recommendations to government.

The review will bring together key stakeholders, technical specialists and community members to identify priority issues and any potential reforms.

The public will be invited to comment on an issues paper and a draft report, which will inform the NRC’s final report to government.

Introduced terrestrial and freshwater vertebrate pest species will be considered in the review, as will future potential funding models, implementation and transitional issues.

The NRC will present its final report and recommendations to the NSW Government in June 2016. More information on the review is available at <http://www.nrc.nsw.gov.au/pest-animal-management>