



Appendix F - Proposed National Pest Animals and Weeds Committee – Terms of Reference

Ensure an integrated approach to all aspects of pest animal and weed management by:

1. Providing national policy and planning solutions to pest animal and weed issues.
2. Planning, coordinating and monitoring the continued implementation of the National Pest Animals Strategy and the National Weeds Strategy.
3. Providing policy and planning advice to Natural Resource Management Standing Committee (NRMSC) and Primary Industries Standing Committee (PISC) on national pest animal and weed issues or as directed by NRMSC. Identify and facilitate implementation of action on significant pest animal and weed issues.
4. Building linkages with NRMSC, PISC, Australasian Invasive Animals CRC, Plant Health Australia, Animal Health Australia, CRC for Australian Weed Management and other pest animal and weed research agencies on pest animal and weed issues.
5. Identifying potential and emerging pest animal and weed problems and recommend appropriate actions to NRMSC.

6. Establishing a national database to record invertebrate pest breaches and incursions, and map populations of vertebrate and invertebrate pests.
7. Identifying and facilitating development, planning, coordination, implementation and monitoring of consistent national approaches to pest animal and weed management including:
 - National strategies
 - Codes of Practice
 - Animal welfare standards
 - Pest Animal Threat Abatement Plans
 - Biological control programs
 - Harmonisation of pest animals and weeds legislation
 - Pest Animals of National Significance and Weeds of National Significance
 - Pest animals and weed risk assessment processes, particularly for species existing in Australia but not yet established
 - Research, education, extension and training
 - Harmonisation of pest animal and weed data collection and management systems,
 - Response to emergency pest animal and weed incursions.
8. Developing a communications strategy for increasing the profile of pest animals and weeds throughout the community, government and key stakeholders.