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To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Threat Abatement Plan for Predation by Feral Cats.

Methods of lethal control

Cruel controls such as 1080 (Eradicat) must not be used, even as an interim measure while more humane methods can be developed.

Non-specific / poorly targeted controls such as 1080 (Eradicate) and PAPP (Curiosity) must not be used.

I would prefer to see skilled hunters like the women from the western desert employed while better methods are developed.

Dingoes should be valued and protected as cat predators.

Governance

In order to maintain transparency and trust that public interests are prioritised the coordination, implementation and evaluation of this TAP, including related RD&E, must not be outsourced / contracted to corporate trusts and their partners / project leads. The power and influence of Animal Invasive Ltd in Biosecurity arrangements is undemocratic. Governance of the TAP must sit within the public service and the DCCEEW.

Key performance indicators

These should focus on outcomes / impacts (e.g. impact of cats on native animals, ecosystem health – the best defence against pests is a balanced ecosystem and biodiversity), not implementation / outputs (e.g. number of education sessions delivered, number of cats killed)

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,
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