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## FERAL RUSA DEER ON ILLAWARRA ESCARPMENT ARE MAJOR PEST

I have 130 acre cattle breeding property in foothills of the Illawarra escarpment and 30 years ago saw 1-2 deer per YEAR but now see many every day and have seen EIGHTY in one herd. They eat out pastures and damage fences and encourage weed growth. Shooting has no obvious effect on numbers and is dangerous as residential development is increasing and I believe a poisoning program is required to control or preferably eradicate this pest.