

## **SENATE Environment and Communications References Committee**

Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia

Public Hearing Wednesday 22 July 2020

Corrections/clarifications to evidence by Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbury AM, Wollongong City Council:

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- Council allocates around \$100k to deer management issue in Wollongong, including up to \$60k directly towards the Illawarra Wild Deer Management Program which is coordinated by NSW South East Local Land Services
- National Parks do not contribute financially to the IWDMP, but do coordinate their own efforts to control deer in line with the program

Additional Information request:

Page 3 – Senator McMahon question taken on notice re value of damage caused by deer per annum

- The best data we have is from the 2016 report “Evaluation of the Northern Illawarra Wild Deer Management Program” which was included in the WCC submission to the inquiry. The graphs below (figures 6,7,8) are taken from that report.

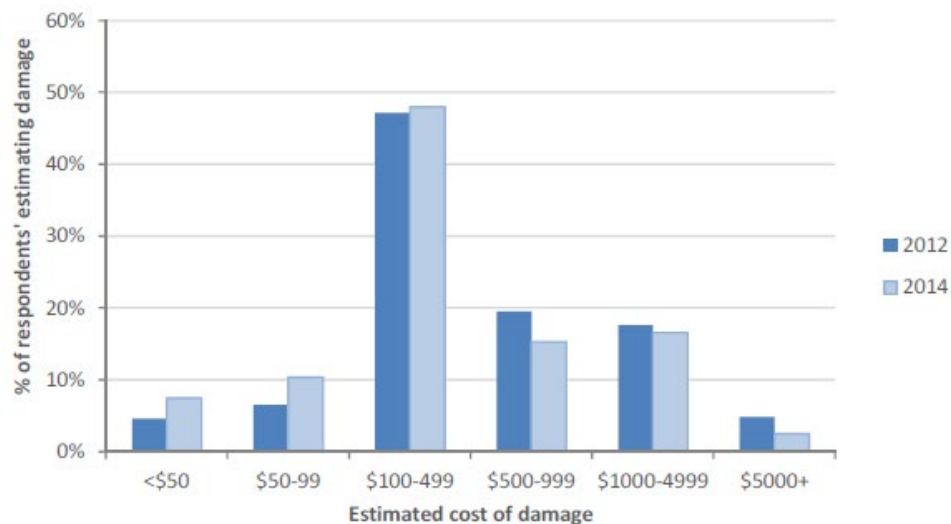


Figure 6. Reported value of damage to urban properties from deer. Based on survey of urban residents in Wollongong in 2012 (n=416 estimating damage) and 2014 (n=242 estimating damage).

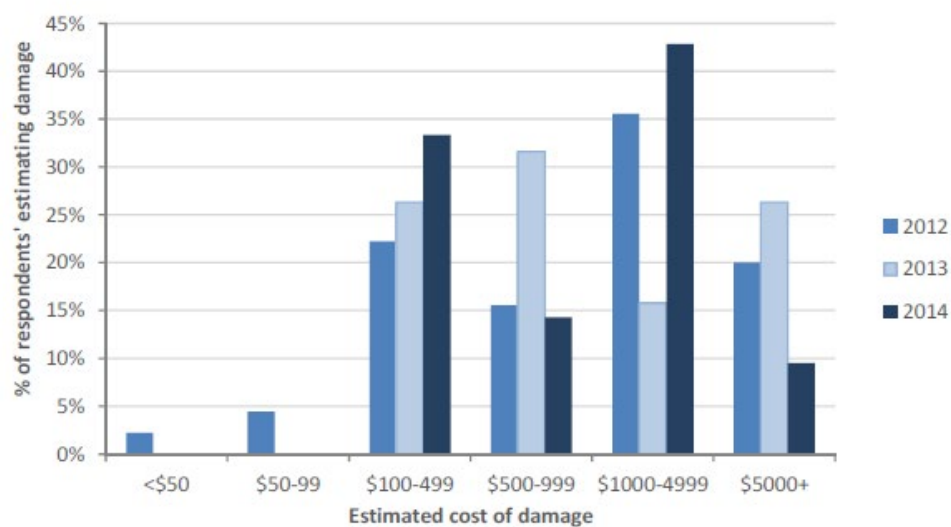


Figure 7. Reported value of damage to rural properties from deer. Based on survey of rural residents in Wollongong in 2012 (n=45 estimating damage), 2013 (n=19 estimating damage) and 2014 (n=21 estimating damage). Note that values were not provided in the 2011 survey.

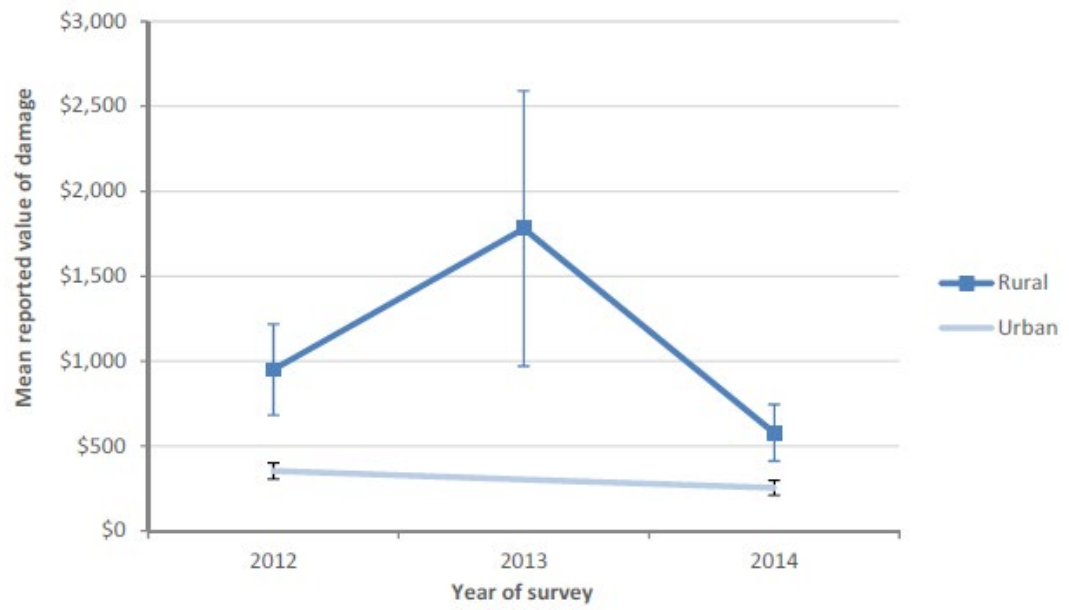


Figure 8. Mean estimated cost of deer impacts on property/infrastructure.

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