

Draft updated threat abatement plan for predation by feral cats.

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- 1 Confirm that you have read and understand this privacy notice.
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Organisation
- 10 Organisation name
Hunter Bird Observers Club
- 11 Position in organisation
Member Conservation Sub-Committee
- 12 What sector best describes you or your organisation?
Community
- 13 How did you hear about this consultation?
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LinkedIn) and / or who's feed/post.
Not answered
- 15 What state or territory do you live in?
Not answered
- 16 Postcode
Not answered
- 17 What area best describes where you live?
Not answered
- 18 In which state/s or territory/ies does your organisation operate in?
New South Wales

- 19 What area best describes where your organisation operates?
Regional area
- 20 1. Have you referred to and / or used the current (2015) threat abatement plan for predation by feral cats?
Yes
- 21 How have you referred to / used the 2015 plan?
Continual interest in the damage to native avifauna and the associated problem with unconfined domestic cats. Program of lobbying State Ministers for inter alia changes to the Companion Animals Act
- 22 Why haven't you referred to / used the 2015 plan?
Not answered
- 23 2. Do you support the objectives and actions listed in the drafted updated threat abatement plan (2023)?
Yes
- 24 3. Do you have any specific comments on or additional ideas for the objectives and actions outlined in the draft updated threat abatement plan for feral cats?
Yes
- 25 Please provide specific comments or other ideas here.
Both Background and Planning documents are excellent, thorough and it was most pleasing to see both feral and domestic cat matters addressed.
It is our view that all good strategy has the three essential elements of 1) a clear current state analysis - and this is admirably covered in the Background paper. 2) a clear vision statement for the future - and this is also well covered in the abatement plan. 3) a coherent and effective action plan - and it is here we consider that there is weakness. We consider there is a need for sharper timelines and much clearer accountability, if not to specific job titles, then to at least departmental unit.
Without clear accountability to precise timelines this excellent work risks becoming "shelfware"

- 26 4. Do you see a role for yourself / your organisation in contributing to the objectives and actions of the draft updated threat abatement plan for feral cats?
Yes
- 27 In what ways do you see a role for yourself / your organisation?
Continuing to advocate for action.
- 28 Why don't you see a role for yourself / your organisation?
Not answered
- 29 5. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for ways to mobilise stakeholder engagement and action in implementing the draft updated threat abatement plan for feral cats?
Yes
- 30 Please share your ideas with us about ways to mobilise stakeholder engagement and action in implementing the draft updated threat abatement plan for feral cats.
As above - define key steps, allocate budget if necessary, resolve individual accountability set a timeline and get moving!
- 31 Section 1 – Summary
The work to date is excellent and those involved are to be congratulated. We now need implementation.
- 32 Section 2 – Introduction
ditto
- 33 Section 3 – Cat definitions, ecology, distribution and abundance
ditto
- 34 Section 4 – Cat impacts

ditto

35 Section 5 – Cat management

ditto

36 Section 6 – Guiding principles for plan development and implementation

ditto

37 Section 7 – Long term goal

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38 Section 8 - Objective 1

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39 Section 8 - Objective 2

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40 Section 8 - Objective 3

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41 Section 8 - Objective 4

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42 Section 8 - Objective 5

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43 Section 8 - Objective 6

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44 Section 8 - Objective 7

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- 45 Section 8 - Objective 8
ditto
- 46 Section 8 - Objective 9
ditto
- 47 Section 9 – Duration, cost, implementation and evaluation of the plan
ditto
- 48 Section 10 – Planning links
ditto
- 49 Section 11 – Guidance for regulators
ditto
- 50 Section 12 – Continuity and adaptation
ditto
- 51 Appendices
ditto
- 52 Glossary
ditto
- 53 List of abbreviations used
ditto
- 54 References
ditto
- 55 7. Do you have any feedback to provide on the background document?
Yes

- 56 Please share your feedback with us by clearly referencing the section / page number to which your feedback relates.
It is excellent work in general.
- 57 8. Rate your overall impression of the draft updated threat abatement plan for predation by feral cats
Usefulness: Excellent
Ambition: Good
Comprehensiveness: Excellent
- 58 Have you removed any identifying information from your submission?
Not answered
- 59 Upload a submission
Not answered
- 60 Upload supporting files
Not answered