

## NFDAP Steering Committee Meeting Communiqué

**Meeting 2:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Venue:** Virtual **Attendance:** 11 members/proxies, 2 observers, 3 apologies

### 1. Introduction

The NFDAP Steering Committee met on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The meeting included updates from states and sectors and the National Feral Deer Coordinator Program. Discussions focused on achievements, proposed activities, and opportunities for the committee to drive the Action Plan.

### 2. Outcomes

Members summarised the successes of deer management in their state/sector since the last meeting, and highlighted opportunities ahead.

Members discussed actions under the NFDAP:

- Activities have boosted awareness, networking and sharing of best practice information and research into new tools and control methods.
- Future opportunities include increasing First Nations involvement, bolstering awareness and early action in the Containment Buffer Zone, increasing access to sound moderators for control (where states wish to).

Members discussed ways to drive the NFDAP activities and outcomes:

- Provide letters of support for initiatives that align with the Plan.
- Continue distributing best practice and awareness content to stakeholder groups.
- Consider effective management models from across Australia to drive reductions in feral deer in the three zones of the Plan (asset protection, containment buffer, no deer zones).

Members discussed opportunities to improve feral deer management:

- Continue setting effective management goals in landscape scale feral deer control programs.
- Develop and use distribution and density mapping to prioritise areas for management.
- Measure more impact indicators to assess effectiveness of control.
- Start with small achievable projects and build on successes.
- Continue collaborating with local agriculture representatives, environmental groups and land managers to increase achievements to cross-tenure goals.

### 4. Closing Remarks

The Committee supported continuation of the National Feral Deer Coordinator Program. The next meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**Approved by:** Chair