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Submission to Pest Animal Council re Pest Control Order for the European Red Fox

Dear Nathan,

As the Landcare representative on the Pest Animal Council I thank you for providing Landcare NSW with the opportunity to provide input regarding the Determination of a Pest Control Order for the Red Fox.

Landcare NSW is the peak body in NSW that represents the interests of Landcarers in NSW. There are over 3000 Landcare type groups in NSW, covering a wide spectrum of activities and interests. Each group and or each region will hold differing viewpoints on the issue of making a Pest Control Order re the Red Fox.

Landcare NSW role is to ensure that in any decision that is made, there is the opportunity for those that are affected by a decision, to have had an opportunity to be involved in the discussion about that decision, and that their views are considered in whatever decision is made.

There would appear to be sound reasoning for the making of the Control Order, and we note that the legislation allows for the order to be made across the state or in designated regions. However, we believe before any such determination is made, that it is the role of the individual LLS regions to adequately canvass their communities regarding whether the Pest Control Order for the European Red Fox should be made for that region.

We therefore request that LLS should undertake a consultation with their communities before a Pest Control Order for the Red Fox is enacted in any region. Landcare representatives from each region would only be too happy to assist the LLS at the regional scale undertake such a consultation.

Kind Regards

Margot Jolly

PAC member representing Landcare NSW