

# Feral deer strategy



## Frequently asked questions

### Draft Feral Deer Management Strategy (FDMS)

#### When does the FDMS open?

The FDMS opens for public consultation on 2 June 2022.

#### When does the FDMS close?

The FDMS closes on 30 June 2022.

#### *About the draft FDMS*

#### What is the draft FDMS?

The draft FDMS is a strategic framework that guides the direction of feral deer management in Queensland. With a vision to prevent introductions, reduce impacts and limit the distribution of feral deer in Queensland. It has been written to help stakeholders understand their role in managing feral deer in Queensland.

#### Why is it being reviewed?

Since the release of the previous FDMS in 2013, new legislation, the *Biosecurity Act 2014* has been introduced. The draft FDMS has been updated with current information about feral deer under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. The draft FDMS will set the direction for the management of feral deer in Queensland for the next five years.

#### What will the draft FDMS achieve?

The FDMS aims to provide the information to reduce the impacts of feral deer, to limit their distribution, and to prevent the establishment of feral deer into new areas. It will also provide stakeholders with clear information about their legislative obligations in relation to feral deer under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

#### Who can comment on the draft FDMS?

The consultation is open to the public, so anyone can comment on the draft strategy. You can have your say on the draft strategy via the DAF [e-Hub](#) or the Queensland Government [Get Involved](#) webpage. The consultation is open from 2 June to 30 June 2022.

#### Why do feral deer need to be managed?

Feral deer can be destructive to the environment and to agriculture. They can also be a traffic hazard and cause road accidents. Feral deer are regulated and

controlled to prevent introductions, reduce impacts and reduce distribution in Queensland.

#### Who is responsible for managing feral deer?

The primary responsibility for feral deer management rests with the land manager.

#### Are deer naive animals?

Deer are not native to Australia. Depending on the species they originate from Europe and Asia. Deer can be kept as livestock otherwise they are referred to as feral deer. The purpose of this strategy is to manage feral deer.

#### *About feral deer control*

#### Will the strategy impact deer farmed as livestock?

No, farmed deer are a permitted activity. Feral deer can become farmed deer if they are kept behind deer proof fencing and the property is identified as a registered biosecurity entity (RBE) with the Department.

#### How do you control feral deer?

Fact sheets on the four feral deer species in Queensland are available at [Restricted invasive animals | Business Queensland](#). A feral deer control manual is under development using current best practice based on science. This will be added to the website once completed.

#### Do I need to report feral deer?

Contact your local government to report feral deer sighting and impacts. The local government's biosecurity plan will identify the requirements for reporting on invasive animals.

#### *About hunting deer*

#### Can I hunt feral deer?

Permission needs to be granted by the landowner before you can hunt feral deer on their property.

#### For more information visit

[Department of Agriculture and Fisheries \(engagementhub.com.au\)](#)

