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## Media Release

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### **Urgent Reminder for submissions to Inquiry into the impact of pest animals on agriculture Closes 14<sup>th</sup> May 2004**

Independent Member for New England and member of the House of Representatives Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Committee, Tony Windsor has issued an urgent reminder to people across the New England electorate that submissions to the "Inquiry into the impact of pest animals on agriculture" close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

"With the closing date at the end of the week, I would like to draw people's attention to the need for them to respond and let the Committee know of their concerns and suggestions on this very damaging issue.

The inquiry has been requested by the Federal Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon Warren Truss in response to the damage caused by pest animals reported to be in the vicinity of \$420 million," Mr Windsor said.

The inquiry is examining

- linking Commonwealth and State Government processes for more co-ordinated management of significant pest animal issues across state boundaries
- the approaches to pest animal issues across all relevant jurisdictions including preventing new pest animals becoming established; detection and reporting systems for new and established pest animals; eradication of infestations (particularly newly established species or 'sleeper' populations of species which are considered to be high risk) where feasible and appropriate; and reduction of the impact of established pest animal populations.
- The adequacy of State Government expenditure on pest animal control in the context of other conservation and natural resource management priorities with particular reference to National Parks
- The scope for industry groups and R & D Corporations to improve their response to landholder concerns about pest animals
- Ways to promote community understanding of and involvement in pest animals and their management.

Submissions can be emailed to [Primary.Industries.Reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:Primary.Industries.Reps@aph.gov.au) or sent to The Secretary, Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Committee, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

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