

STRATEGIC PLAN

2016-2022



Building an informed & motivated community...

Will build political support & contribute to solutions...



Leading to a good biosecurity system...



Lowering the risk of new invasive species becoming established...



And lowering future impacts on our environment

OUR MISSION: To protect the environment from harmful new invasive species through prevention and early action

Prevention and early action

When Europeans first arrived in Australia they ushered in an era of unprecedented invasions that continue to this day.

First came the rabbit, fox and feral cat, then the cane toad. Noxious overseas weeds now number in their thousands.

Some can be controlled and contained, but most continue to wreak havoc on our wildlife and environment, our farming communities and economy.

If we have learned anything it is that Australia cannot afford any more harmful invasive species.

That's why we want Australia to develop a first line of defence, a biosecurity system that will keep us safe from new harmful invasive species like yellow crazy ants, which threaten Queensland's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

The key to this system is prevention and early action.



Eradication, containment, control

On the Australian mainland we still have time to eradicate recently introduced invasive species such as yellow crazy ants and red fire ants before they get out of control.

And on our 8300 islands we have unique opportunities to remove pests such as rats, cats and rabbits, liberating native wildlife from harmful invaders.

Control of widespread invasive species must be science-based and supported by research. Governments and community effort must target those areas where the damage is greatest.

That's why our work includes:

- **Facilitating eradication** of recent mainland arrivals and invasive species from offshore islands.
- **Lobbying for government-led containment** strategies for emerging pests such as feral deer and horses.
- **Supporting targeted control measures** underpinned by science.
- **Promoting the 'general biosecurity obligation'.**

Visit our website for the full strategic plan – invasives.org.au.

OUR VISION

Australia and the southwest Pacific have a biosecurity system that stops new invasive species and has reduced the impacts of existing invasive species.



BIOSECURITY

is the protection of the environment, economy and public health from negative impacts associated with pests, diseases and weeds.

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