More time for submissions on control of invasive animals

Submissions can now be made until Monday 5 September for the public inquiry into control of invasive animals on Crown land.

"We have had significant community interest in this inquiry and a number of requests for an extension of time to make a submission," said Chair of the Victorian Parliament's Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee, Bronwyn Halfpenny.

"We want to get as many local views as possible on the problems caused by invasive animals and potential solutions," she said.

"This extension of time for people to make submissions will help us to get ideas from a wide cross-section of the community."

Deer, foxes, rabbits, feral pigs, feral goats and wild dogs are some of the species causing issues.

"The Committee recognises that many of the people who would want to make a submission are busy working or running businesses," Ms Halfpenny said.

"More time to make a submission will give people the opportunity to share their views and experiences with us."

Ms Halfpenny emphasised that submissions can be as short or as long as people like, and can be submitted by email or via the e-submissions form on the Committee's website.

"The important thing is for us to hear what is happening in different communities across Victoria, so that we get a true picture of how local people and areas are affected," she said.

"We want to use local knowledge to come up with solutions that will help deal with the problems that these animals are causing."

More information about the inquiry, including how to make a submission and the terms of reference, can be found on the Committee's <u>website</u>.

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