## Impact of hog deer at Wilsons Promontory National Park



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# FOTP planting at Tidal River

#### **FOTP's Tidal River nursery**



#### Dune-slope damage by Hog deer

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### Grazing damage to young she-oaks



#### Rubbing damage by Hog deer



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# Conclusion

- Hog deer cause significant damage to young plants at Tidal River
- There is a significant cost in volunteer and ranger hours and operational costs
- Hog deer damage to regrowth, both natural and planted, can be extrapolated to areas throughout the Park
- FOTP supports continuation of Parks Victoria's deer culling program at the Prom and would like to see it extended
- FOTP would not support uncontrolled access to the Park by recreational shooters