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# Corn snakes (*Pantherophis guttatus*)

A community problem requiring  
community solutions

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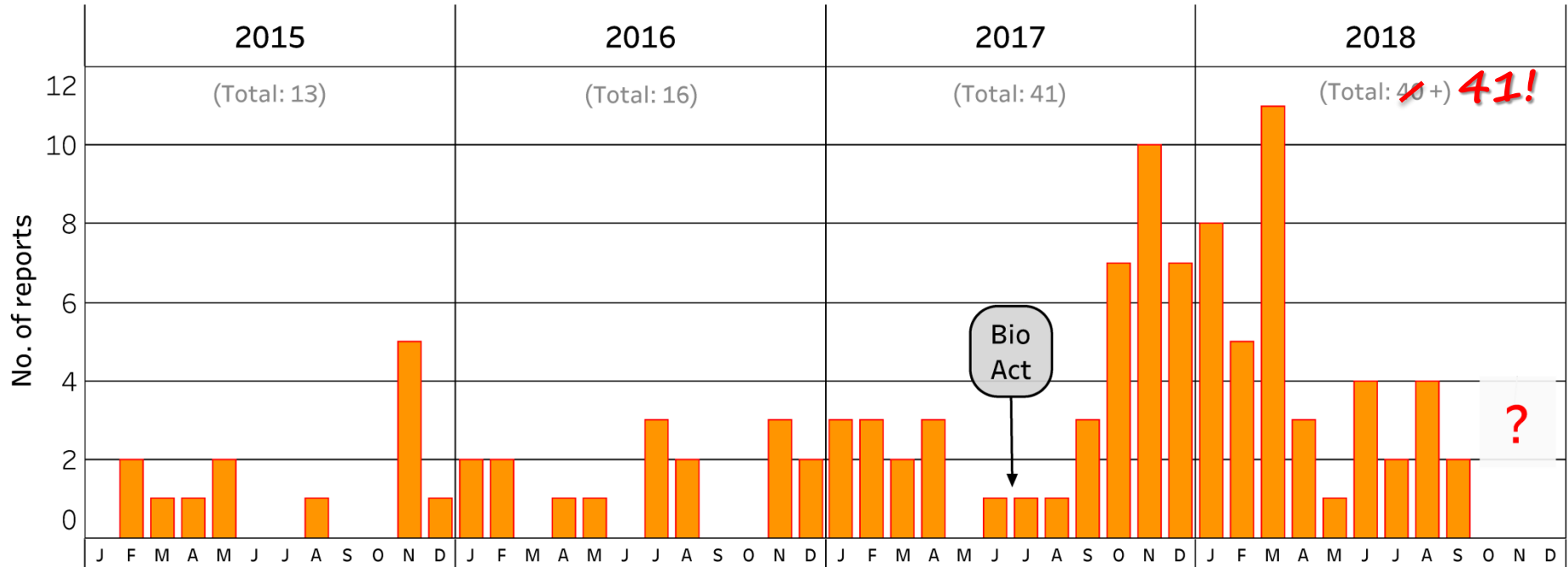
# The figures

- 81 corn snake reports 2017 – 2018  
= 44% of all exotic terrestrial vertebrate incursion reports DPI receives
- Most reports are reliable



# Corn snake reports received

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# Corn snake reports

(where coordinates are available)

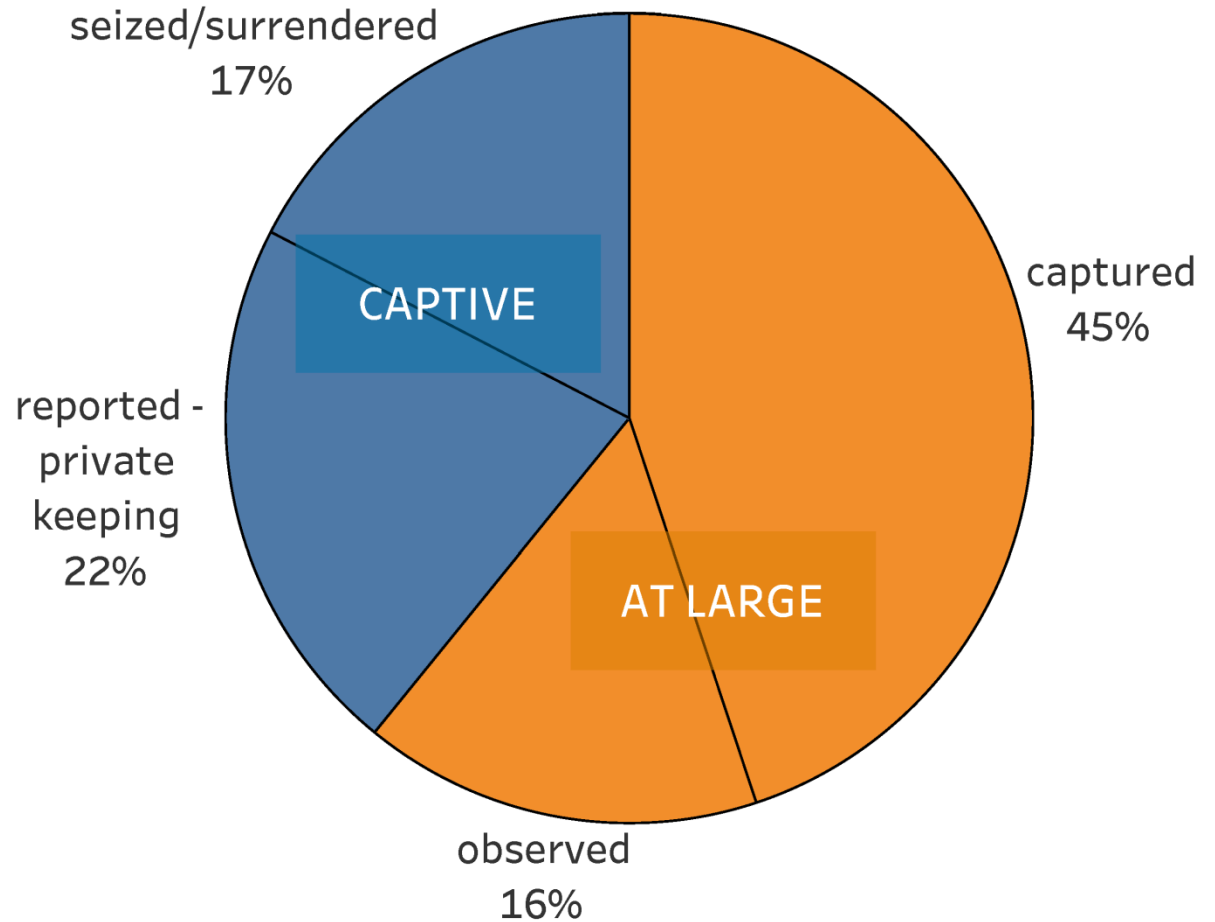
July 2017  
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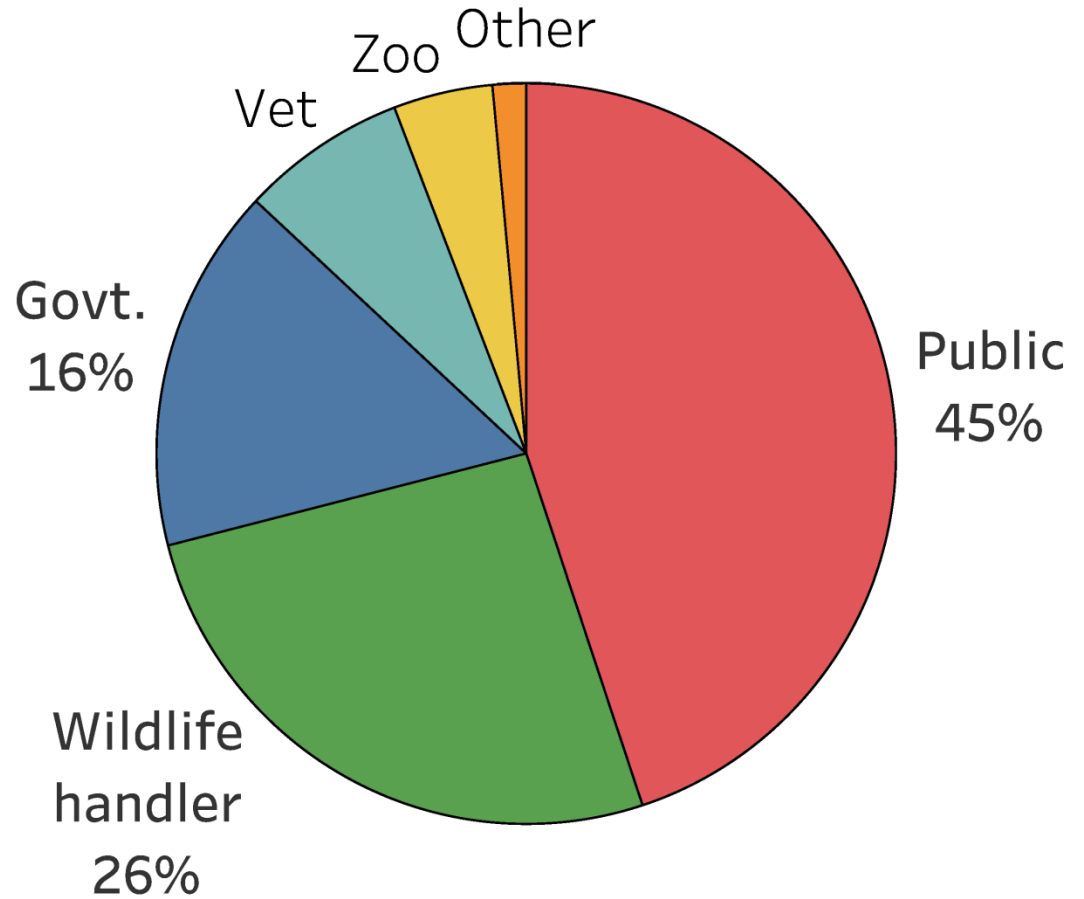
# Corn snake report types

July 2017  
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# Corn snake report sources

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# Why the increase in reports?

↑ Corn snakes?

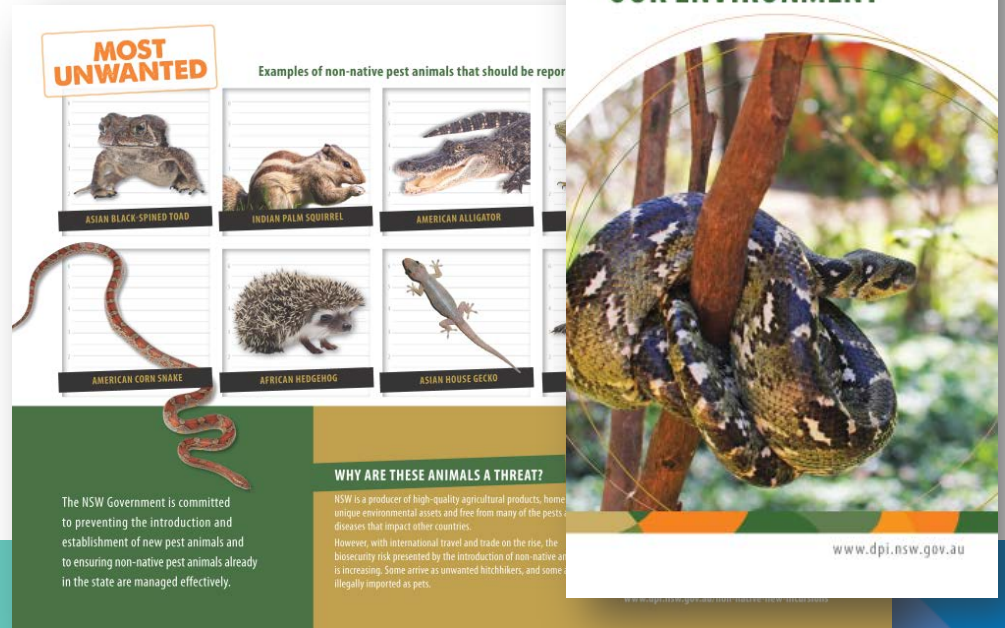
↑ Community awareness and reporting?





# What are we doing?

- Report management
- Biosecurity screening & genomic database
- Awareness campaign
- Building networks
- Boosting enforcement









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Help us hunt down the most unwanted

**STOP** NON-NATIVE PEST ANIMALS STRANGLING OUR ENVIRONMENT

**MOST UNWANTED**

Examples of non-native pest animals that should be reported

 ASIAN BLACK-SPINED TOAD	 INDIAN PALM SQUIRREL	 AMERICAN ALLIGATOR
 AMERICAN CORN SNAKE	 AFRICAN HEDGEHOG	 ASIAN HOUSE GECKO

**WHY ARE THESE ANIMALS A THREAT?**

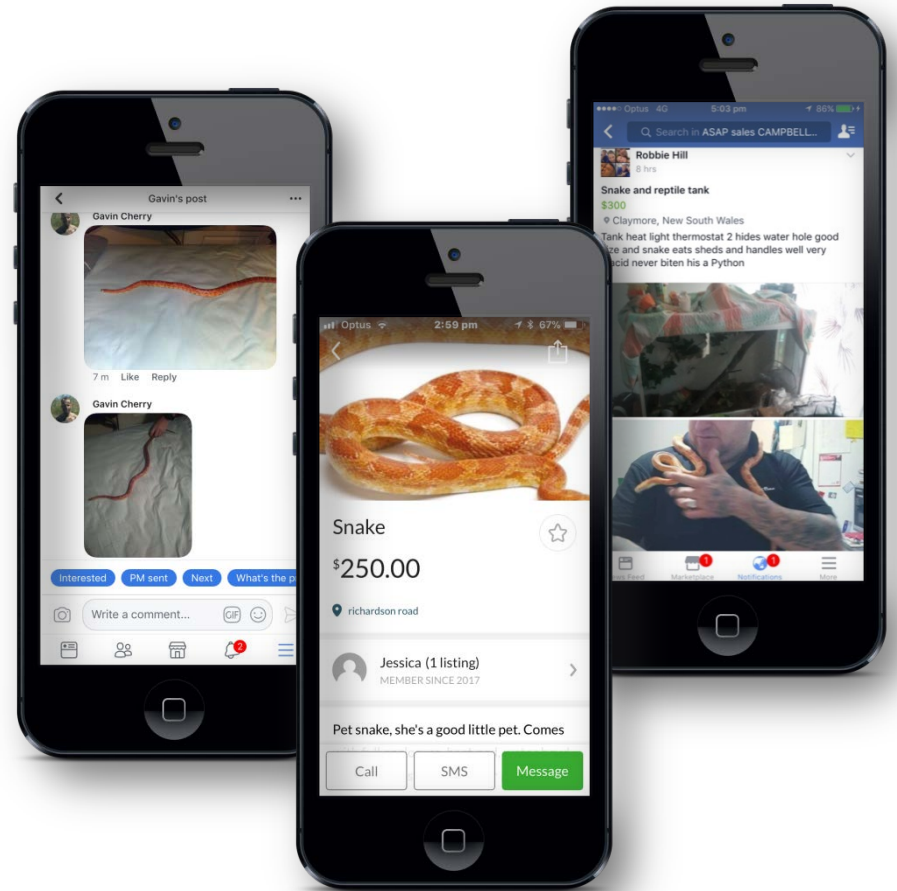
NSW is a producer of high-quality agricultural products, home to unique environmental assets and free from many of the pests and diseases that impact other countries.

However, with international travel and trade on the rise, the biosecurity risk presented by the introduction of non-native animals is increasing. Some arrive as unwanted hitchhikers, and some are illegally imported as pets.

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# Our challenges

- Online trading
- Enforcement
- Seasonal reporting



# What you can do

- Engage
- Support
- Report →

## Online reporting form:

NSW report unusual animal



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