Dear oh deer, landholders perception of wild deer in south-eastern NSW

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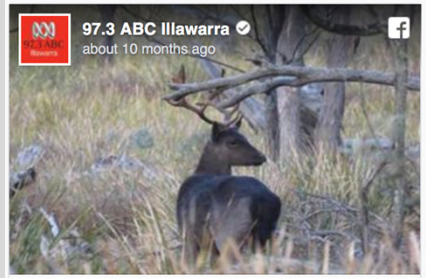

There's concern more horror stories will emerge
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Wollongong deer shooting restrictions e

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Hunters waste nothing in pursu
deer populations in NSW

ABC Mid North Coast By Gabrielle Lyons

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PHOTO: As motorists enter Port Macquarie, they are alerted to the possibility of deer encroaching on major roads.
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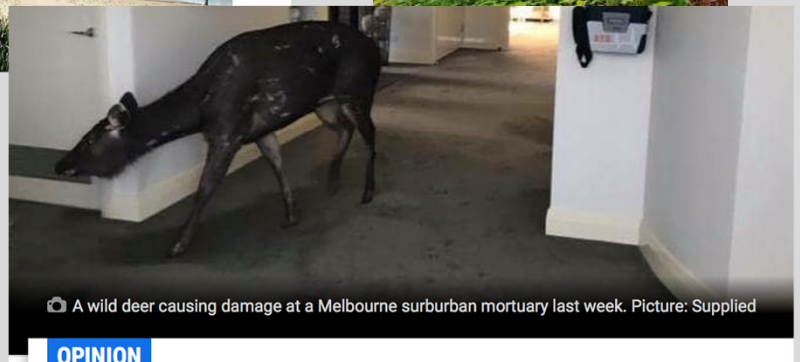

A wild deer causing damage at a Melbourne surburban mortuary last week. Picture: Supplied

OPINION

Deer need eradicating in Victoria as they are an expensive problem

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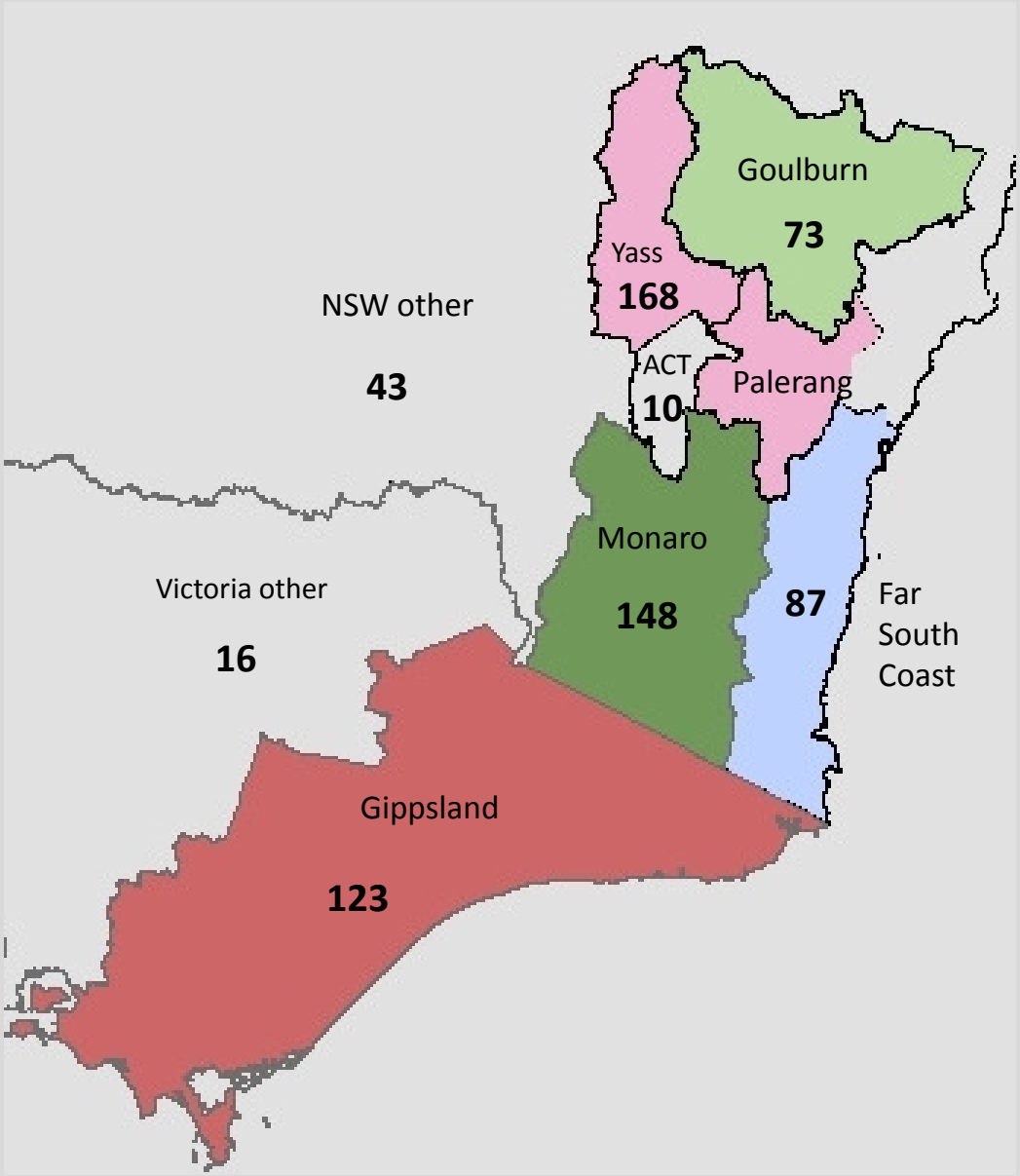
Landholder's Perception of Wild Deer Survey

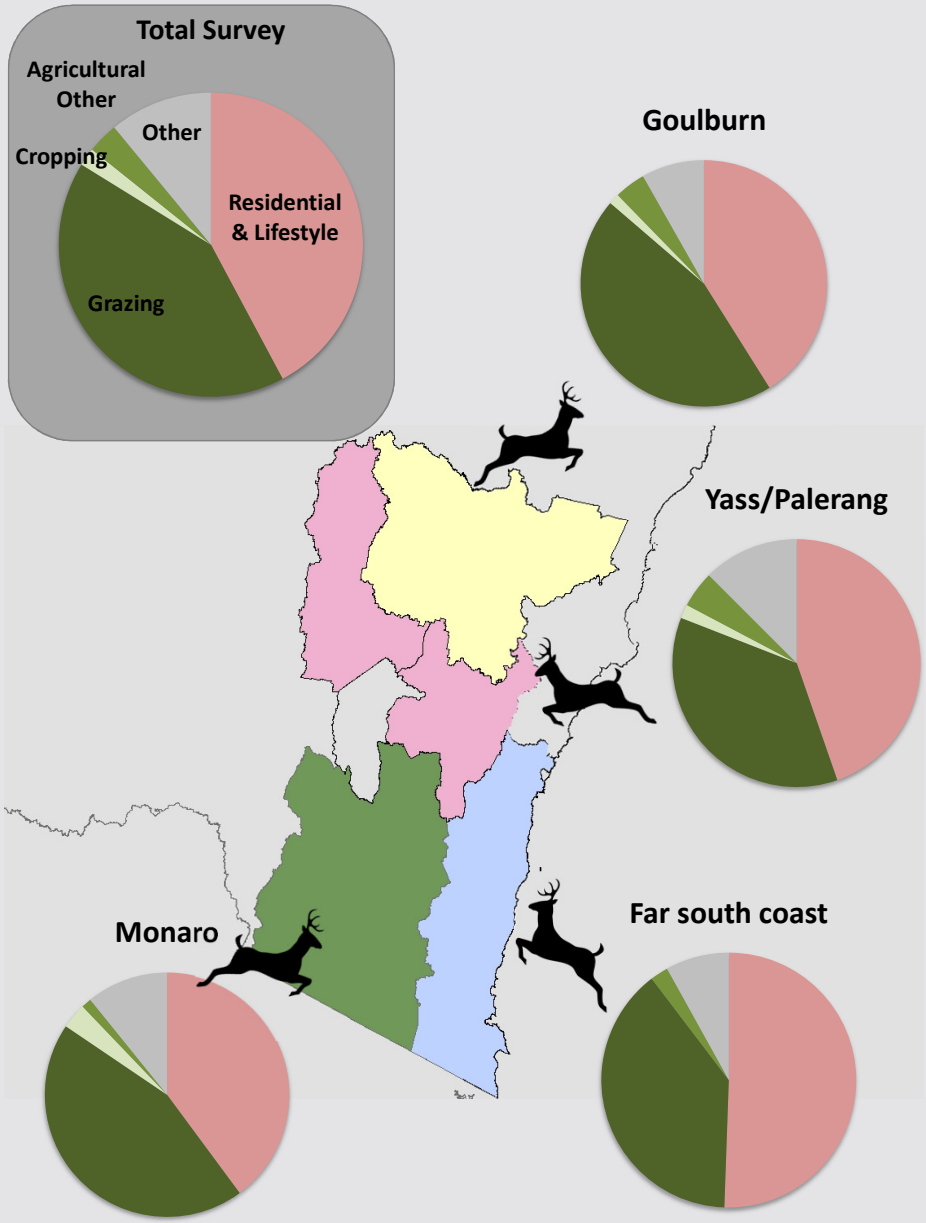
Report by Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare

1. What is the communities perception of deer?
2. What is the type, level and cost of deer impact?
3. What is the level of control & future expectations?

Total survey – 670 participants

NSW total – 520 participants

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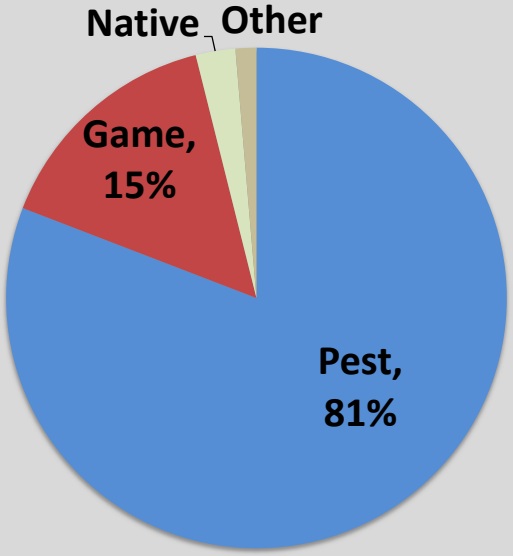
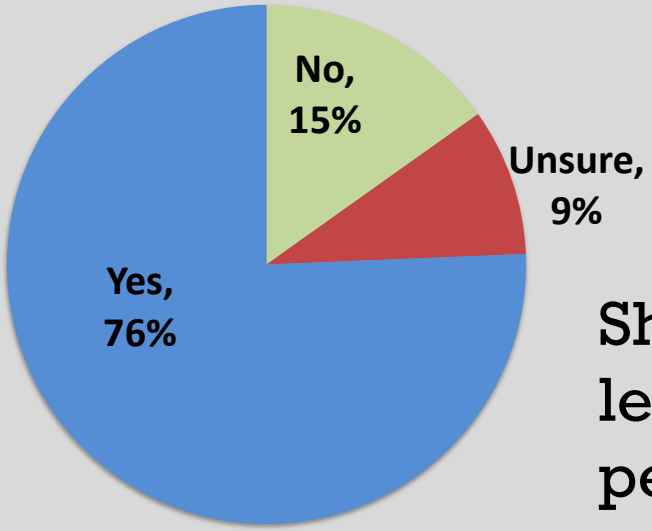
Far south coast

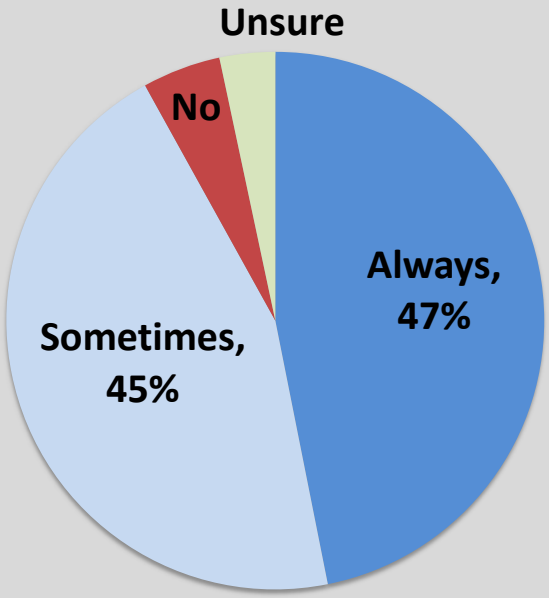
How do you perceive deer?

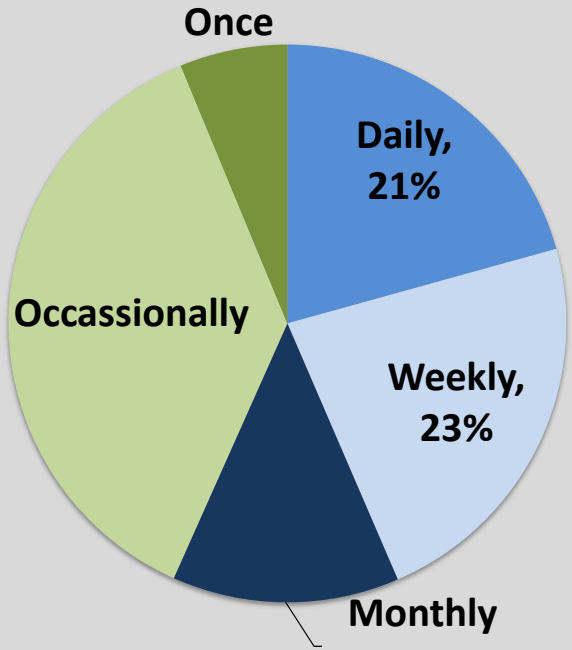




Should deer legislated as a pest?

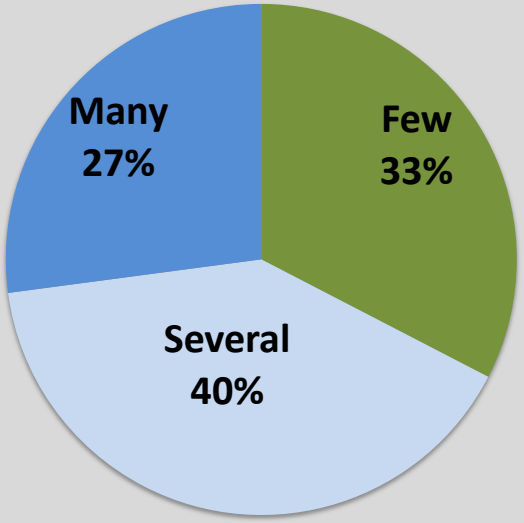
How often are deer present?

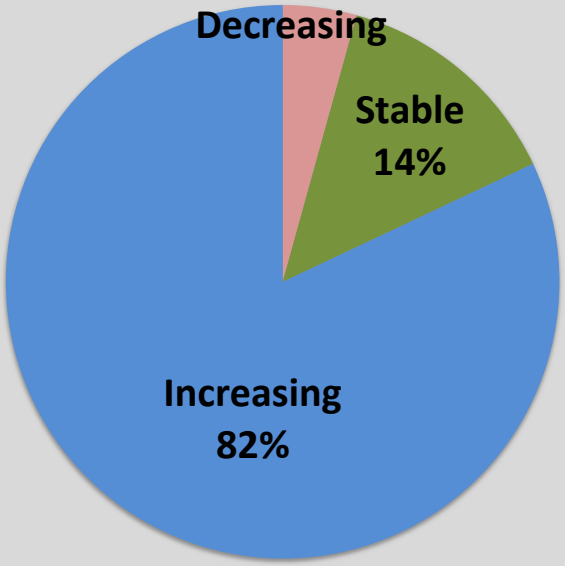




How frequently do you see deer?

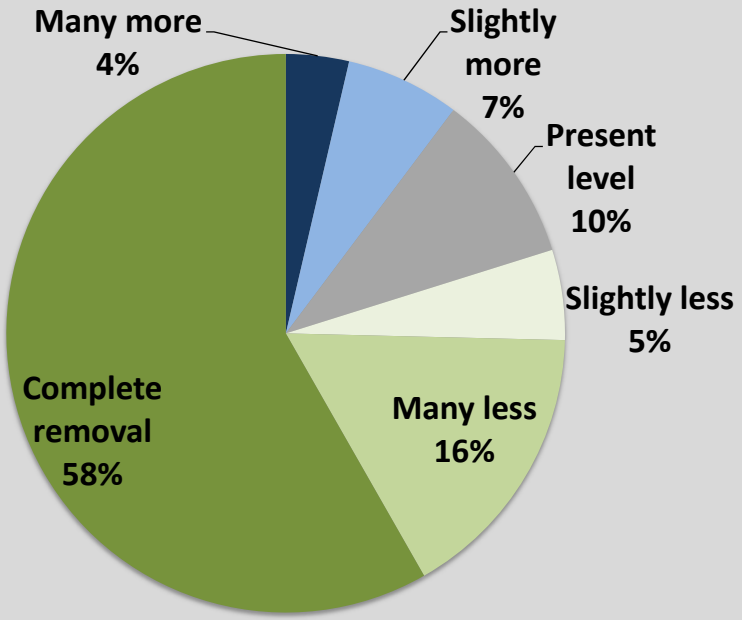
How many deer do you see?

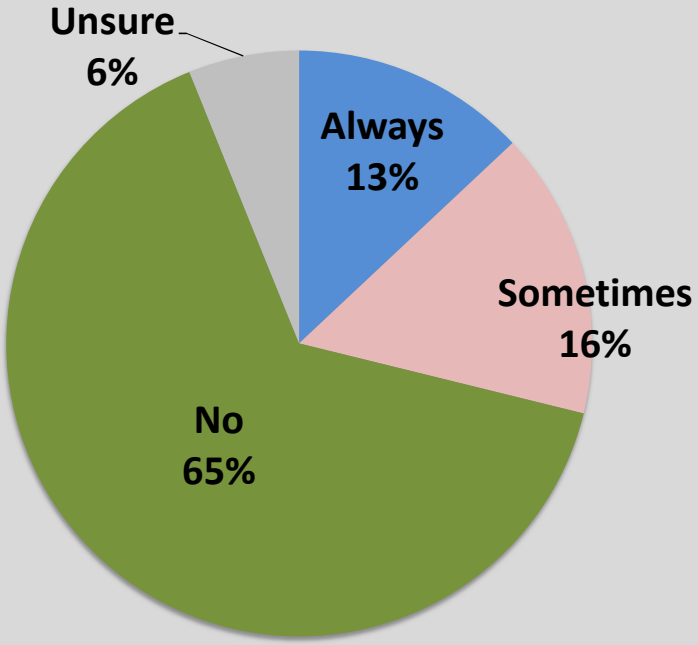




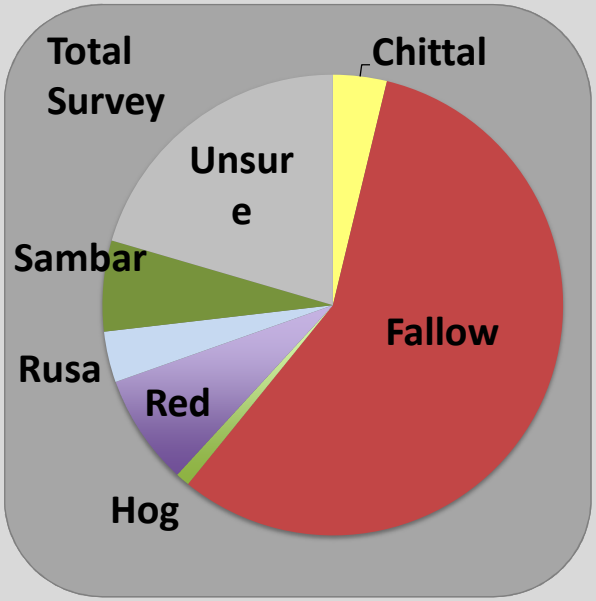
Have you noticed a change in abundance?

How many deer would you like you see?





Do you enjoy having deer around?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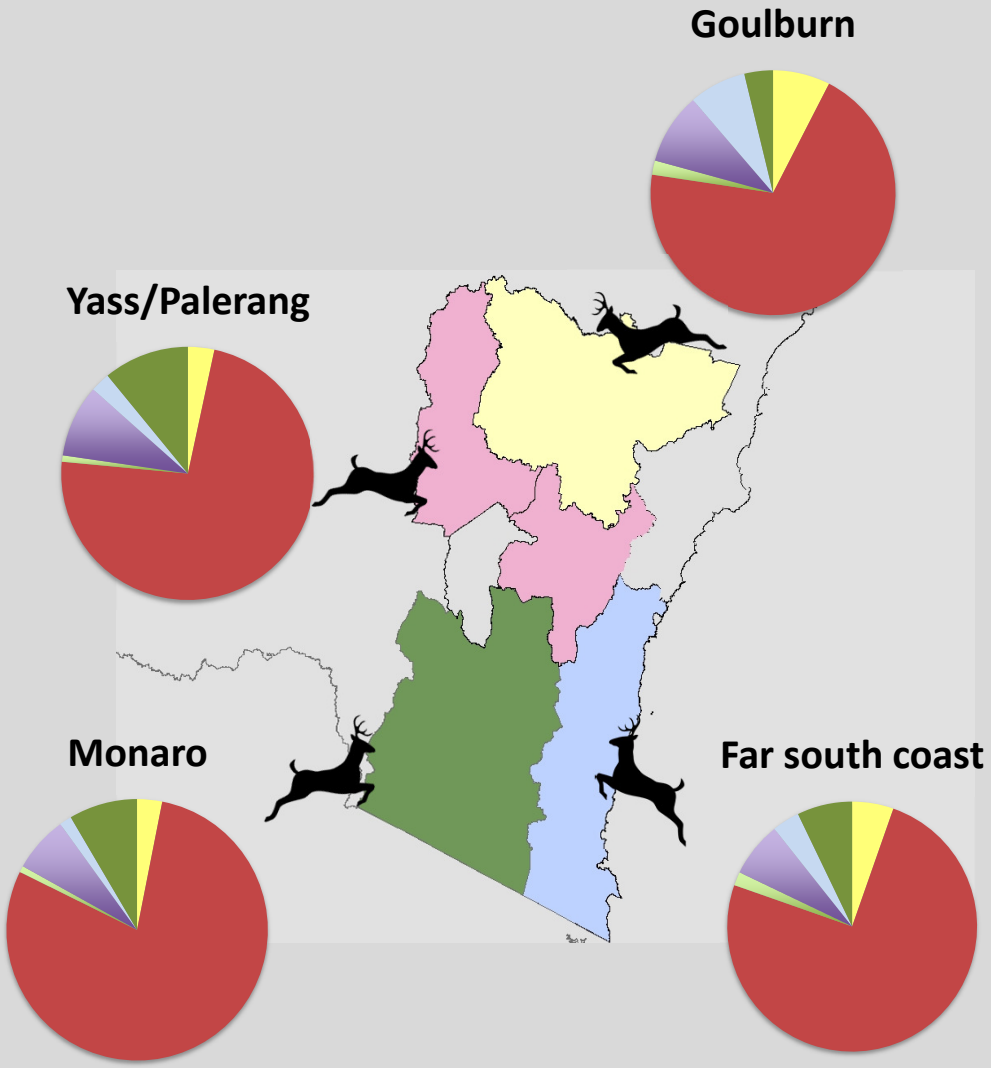
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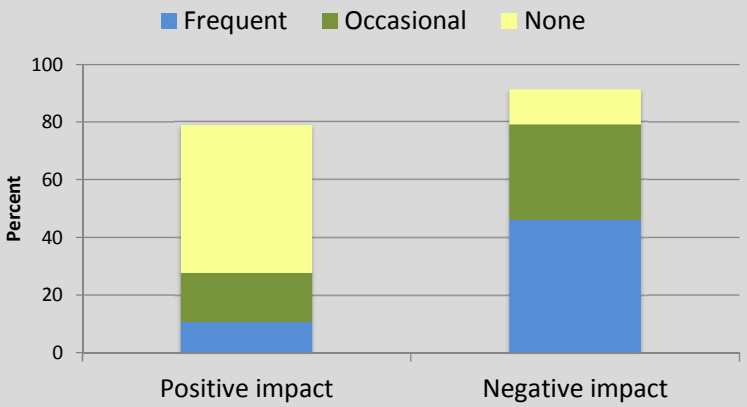
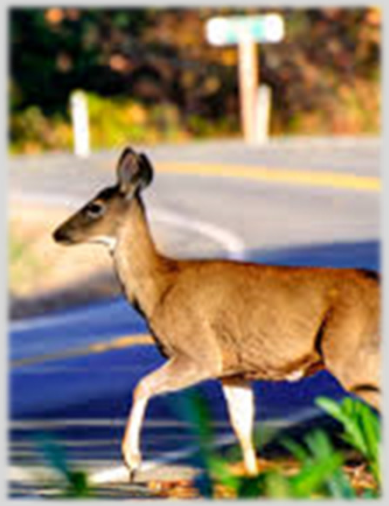
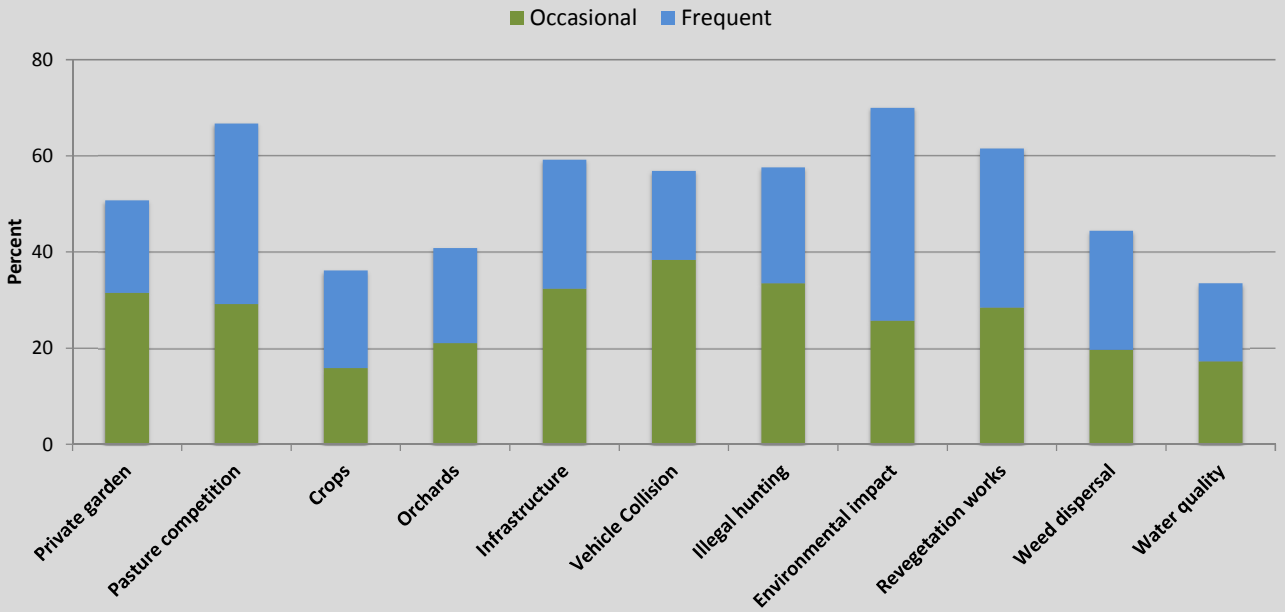
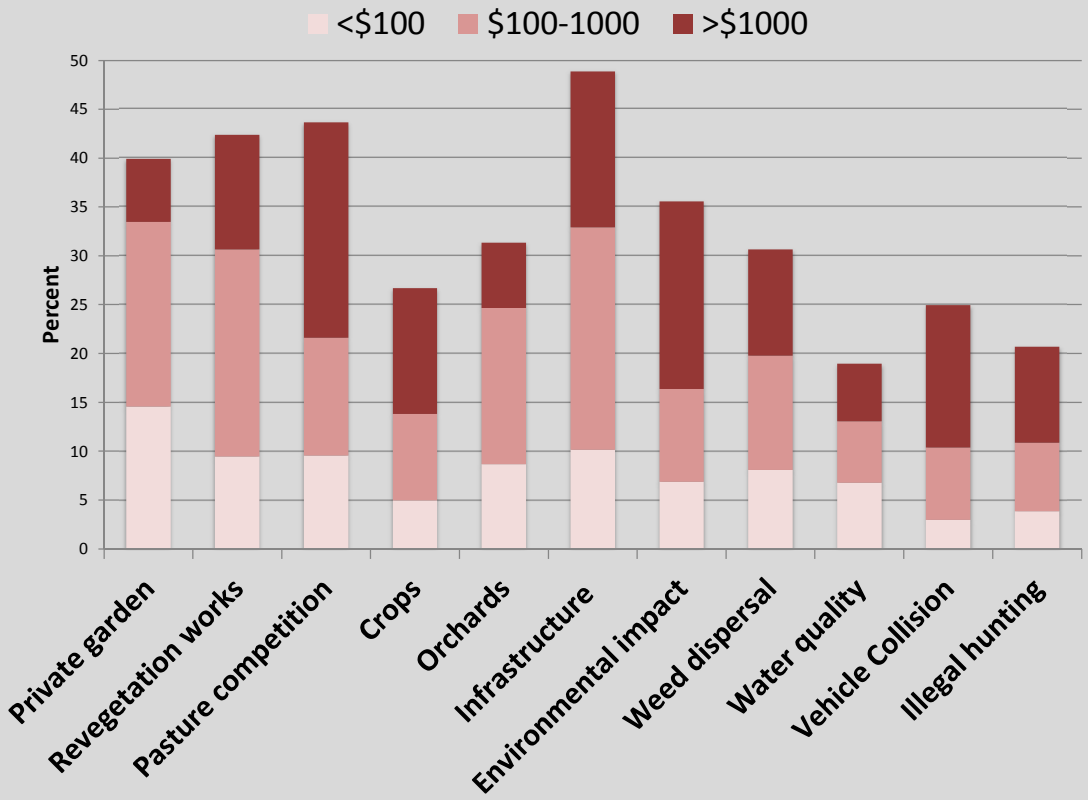
The impact of deer





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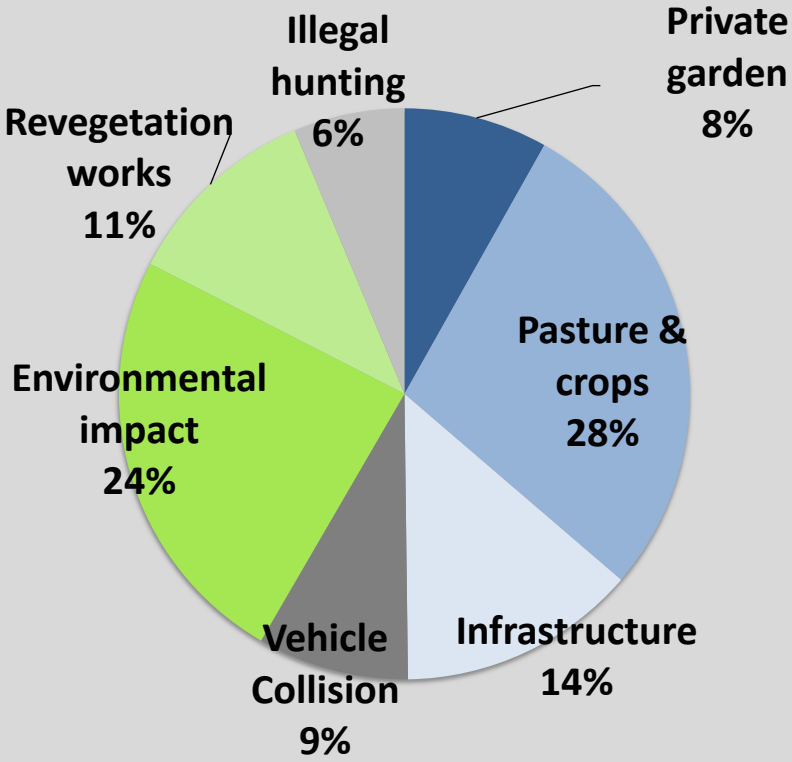
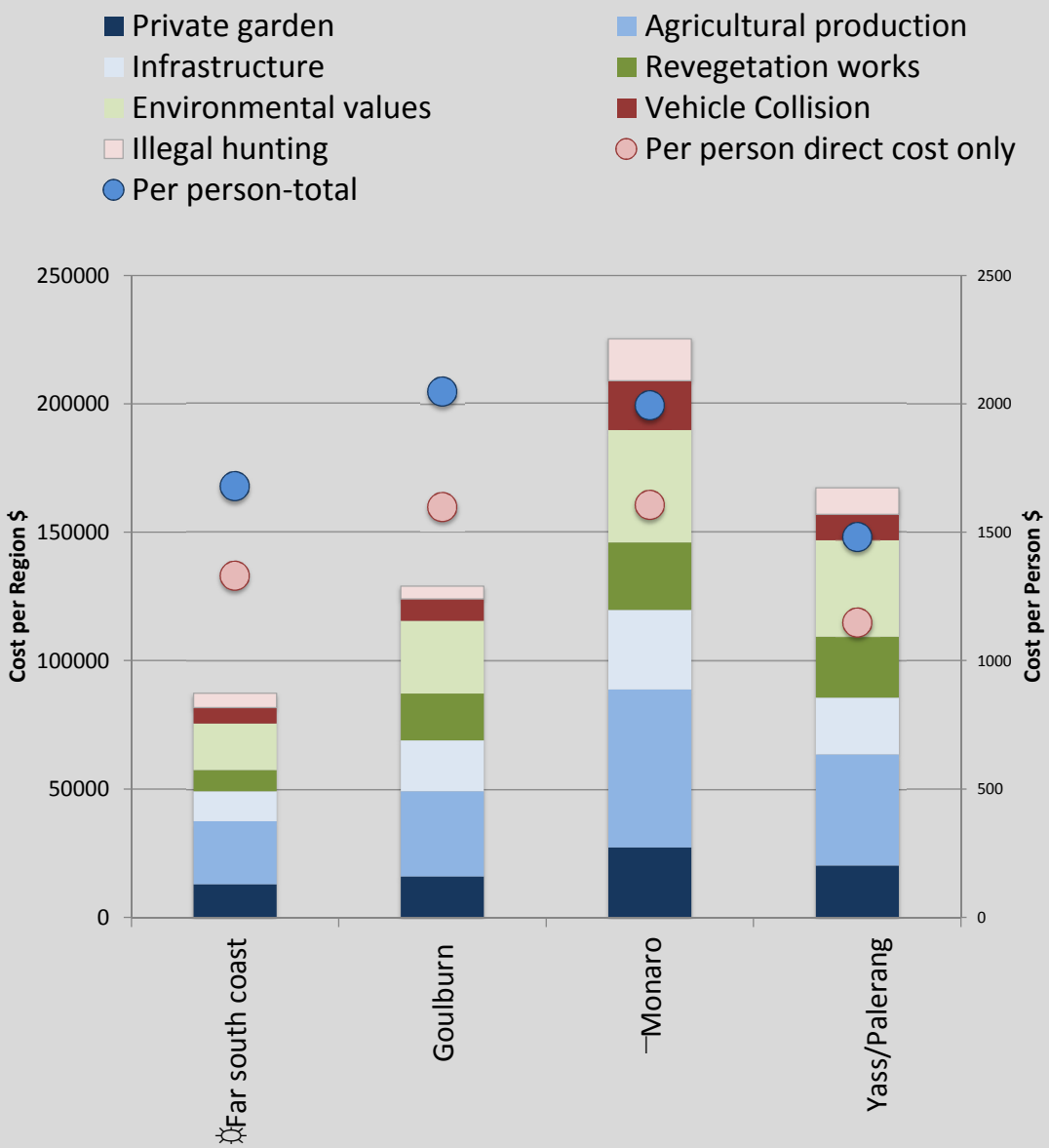
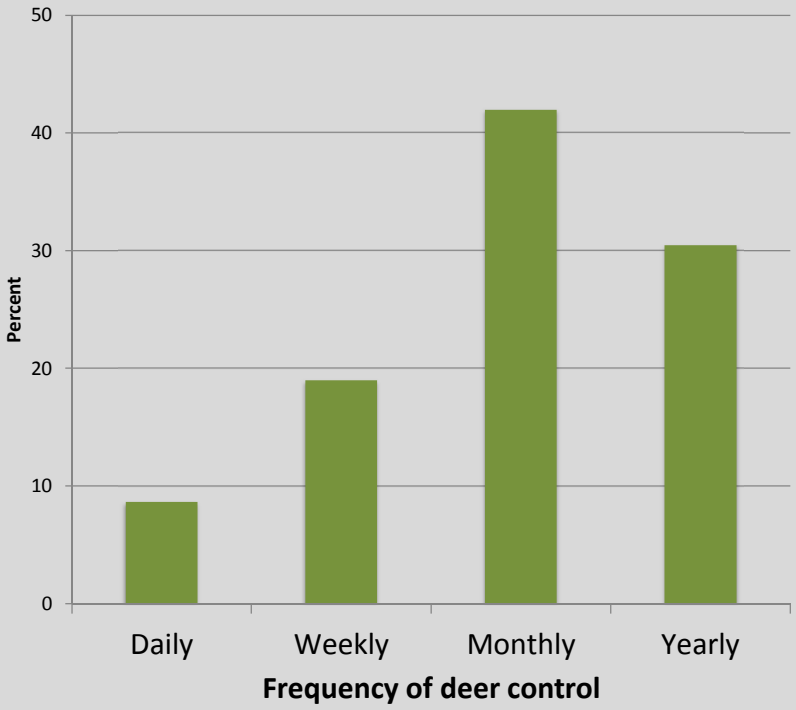

Illegal hunting 6%
Private garden 8%
Revegetation works 11%
Pasture & crops 28%
Environmental impact 24%
Infrastructure 14%
Vehicle Collision 9%

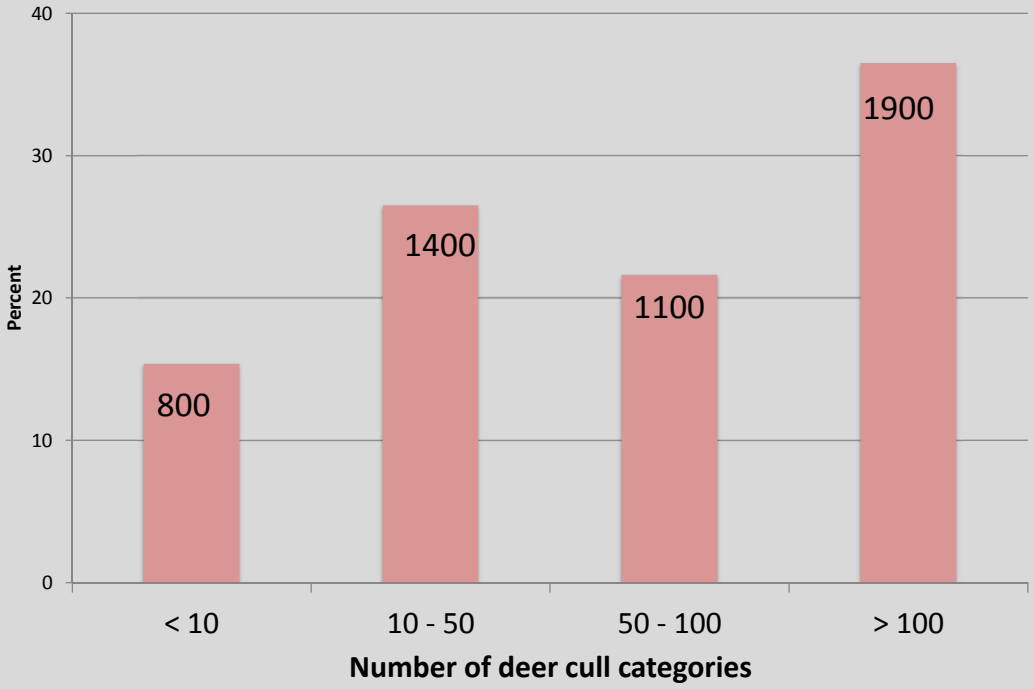
Total survey participants spent over $1 million

NSW survey participants spent over $60 thousand



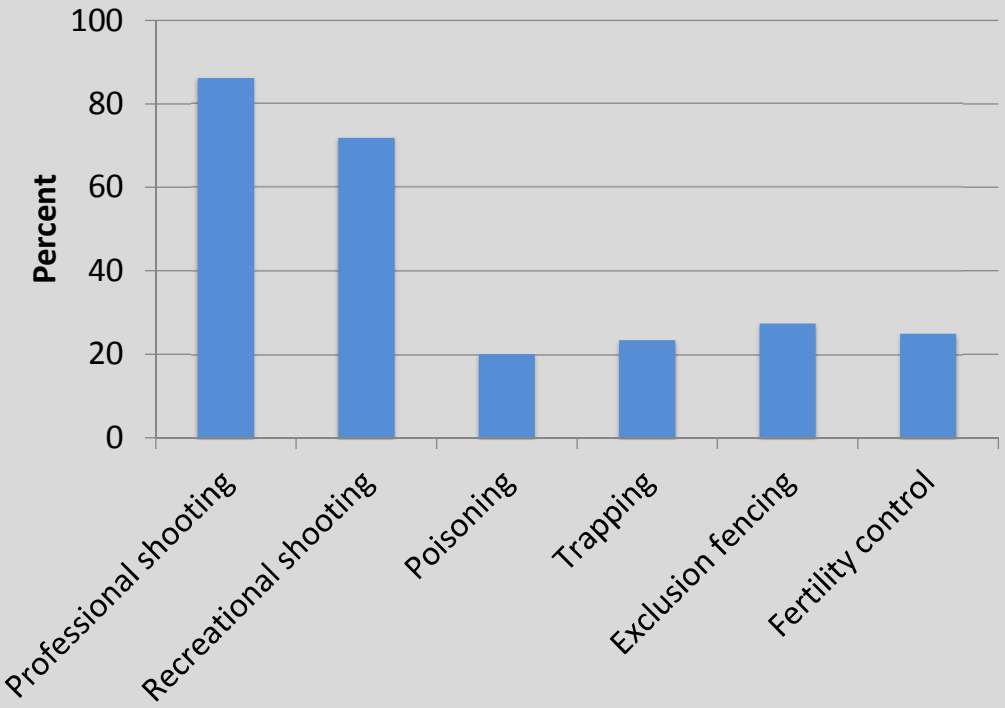
174 participants control deer & culled 5,200 deer last year

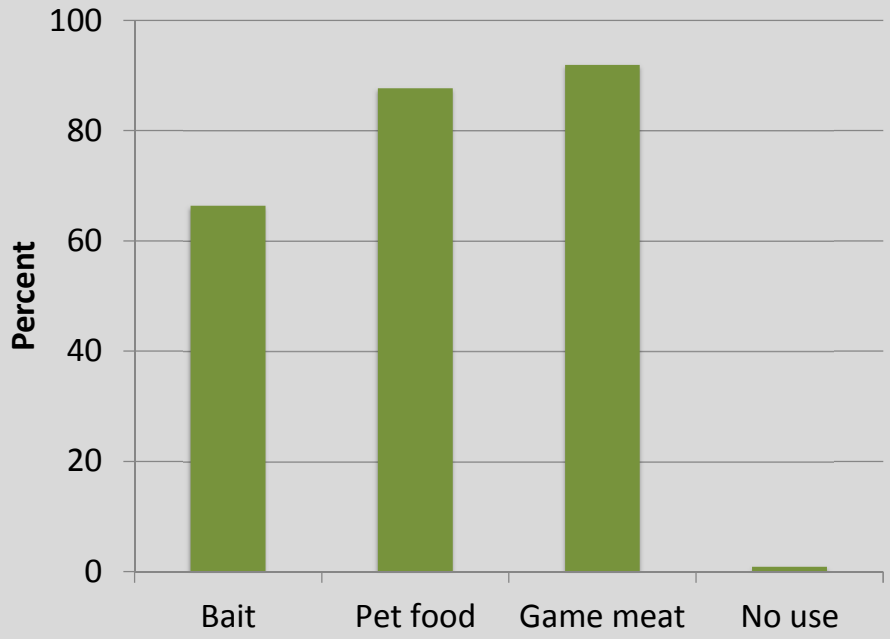




Shooting was most acceptable means of control

Not using the carcass was unacceptable





Take home points

- The majority of people font enjoy having deer and believe they should be classified as a pest;
- Deer have been present for over 30 years in all regions and are increasing;
- Deer are consistently present across south-east NSW and Gippsland and seen on a daily basis by at least 20% of participants;
- In NSW Fallow deer are the most frequently observed, daily by 20% of participants;
- The overall impact of deer is greatest on environmental values, pasture competition, revegetation activities and infrastructure;
- Survey participants spent an estimated $1 million dollars, or $2000 per person, on deer impact in the last year;
- Most control by the landholder monthly by shooting, with over 5000 culled last year;
- Shooting is the most acceptable method of deer control;
- Utilisation of the deer carcass for game meat, pet food or baiting programs is highly
- desirable

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