

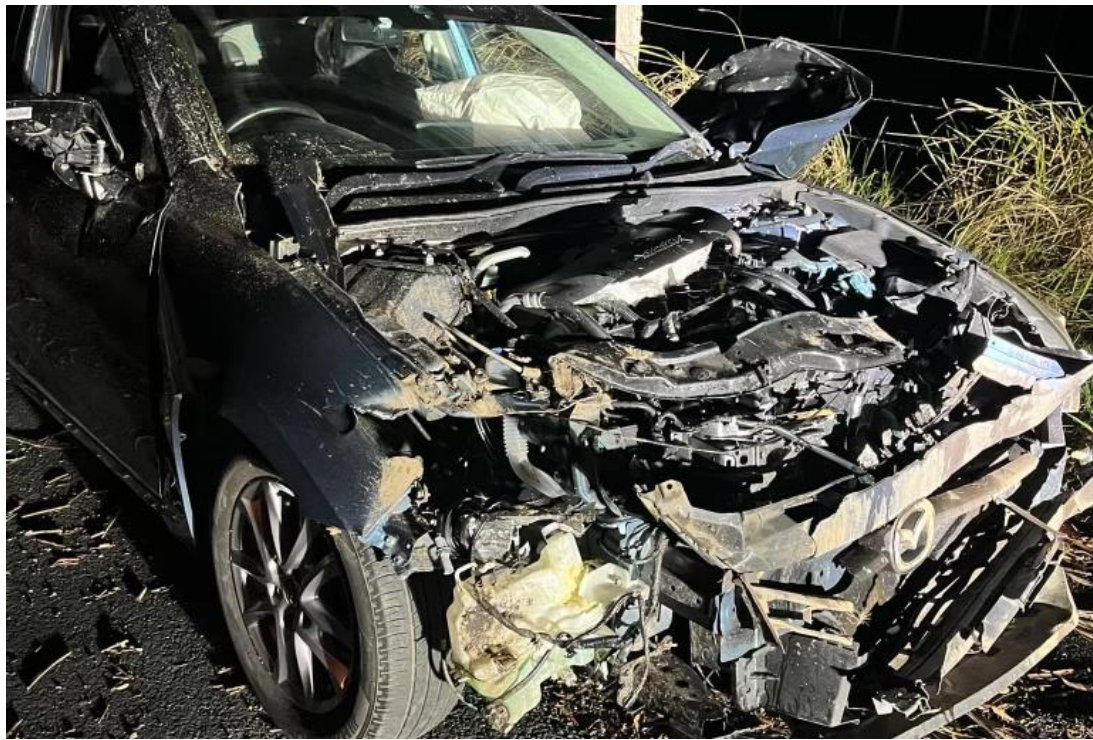
Peri- Urban/Urban Feral Deer Trapping

This won't work.....will it?



Feral Deer in the suburbs

Why are we involved?



IMPACTS: Vehicles – People – Gardens – Waterways - Revegetation







Limited Options for Control

- How can we control in a peri urban area?
We need to get them to an area where a firearm can be used safely.
- How do we get bang for buck?
We need to control more than 1 at a time
- Can we make a difference?
If we are getting less than 35 phone calls a fortnight, we are making a difference

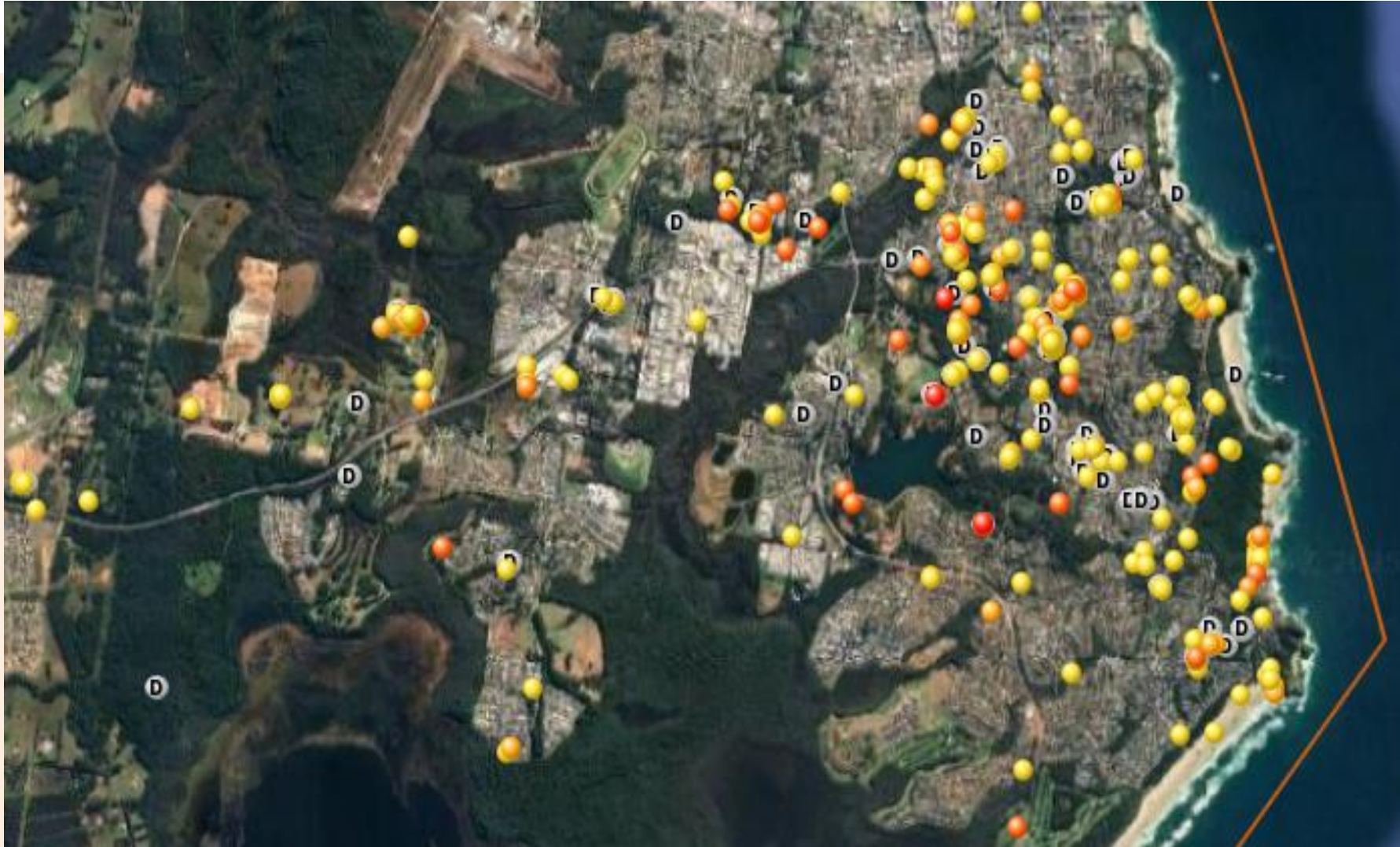


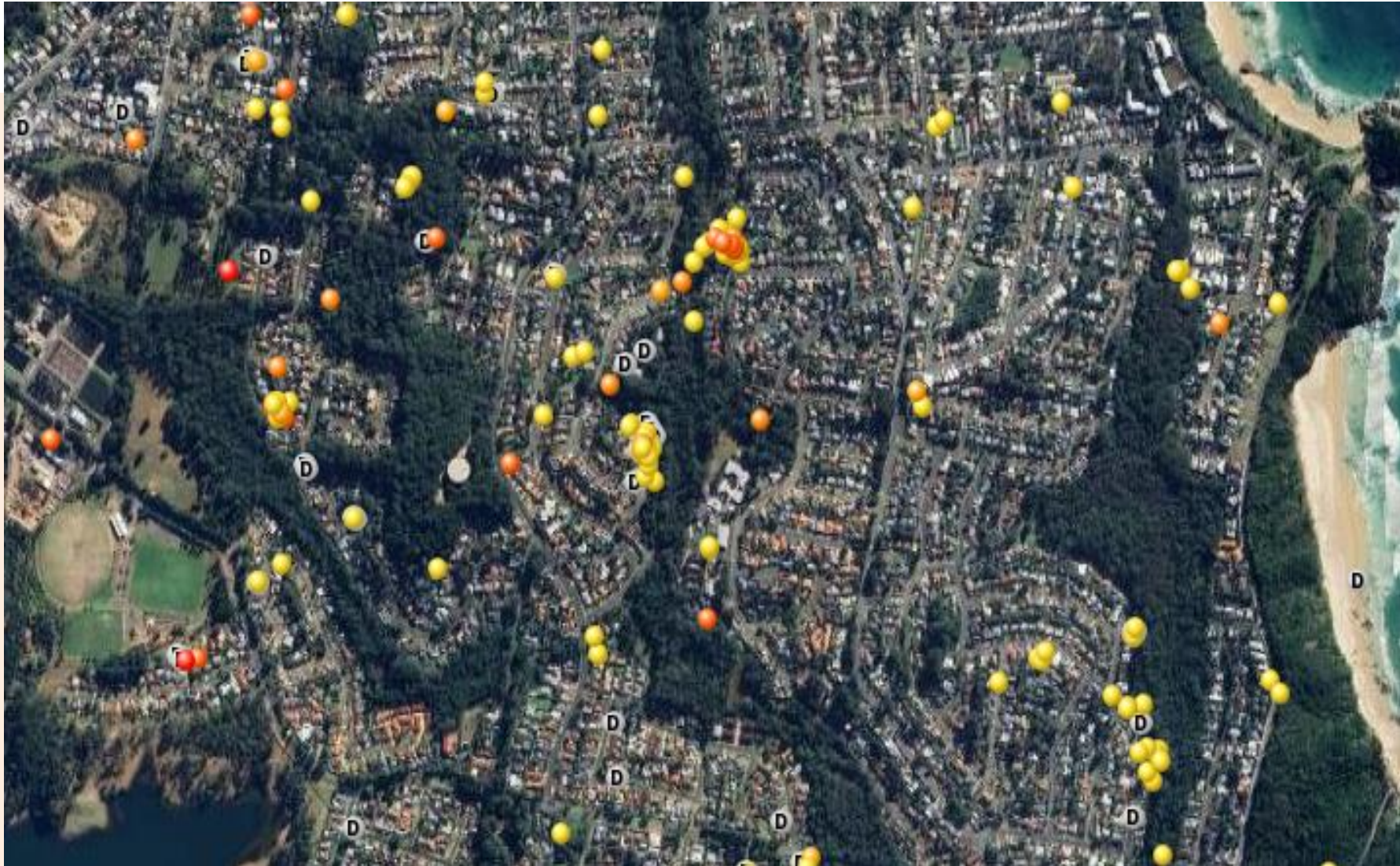
We found different deer

- Peri urban deer see change, people, cars dogs everyday.
- They hear noise everyday.
- They are used to change.
- They are different to rural deer.



Why?





Where we started





Traps

Next step



Different Species





Netting trap



And our next piece





Panel Trap with netting extensions



Control Platform



View from Platform



Netting Trap







Multiple Animals = Multiple Panels ?





Testing the use of Artificial Intelligence in trapping deer

- AI recognising deer over other mammals
- Trialling a triggering system





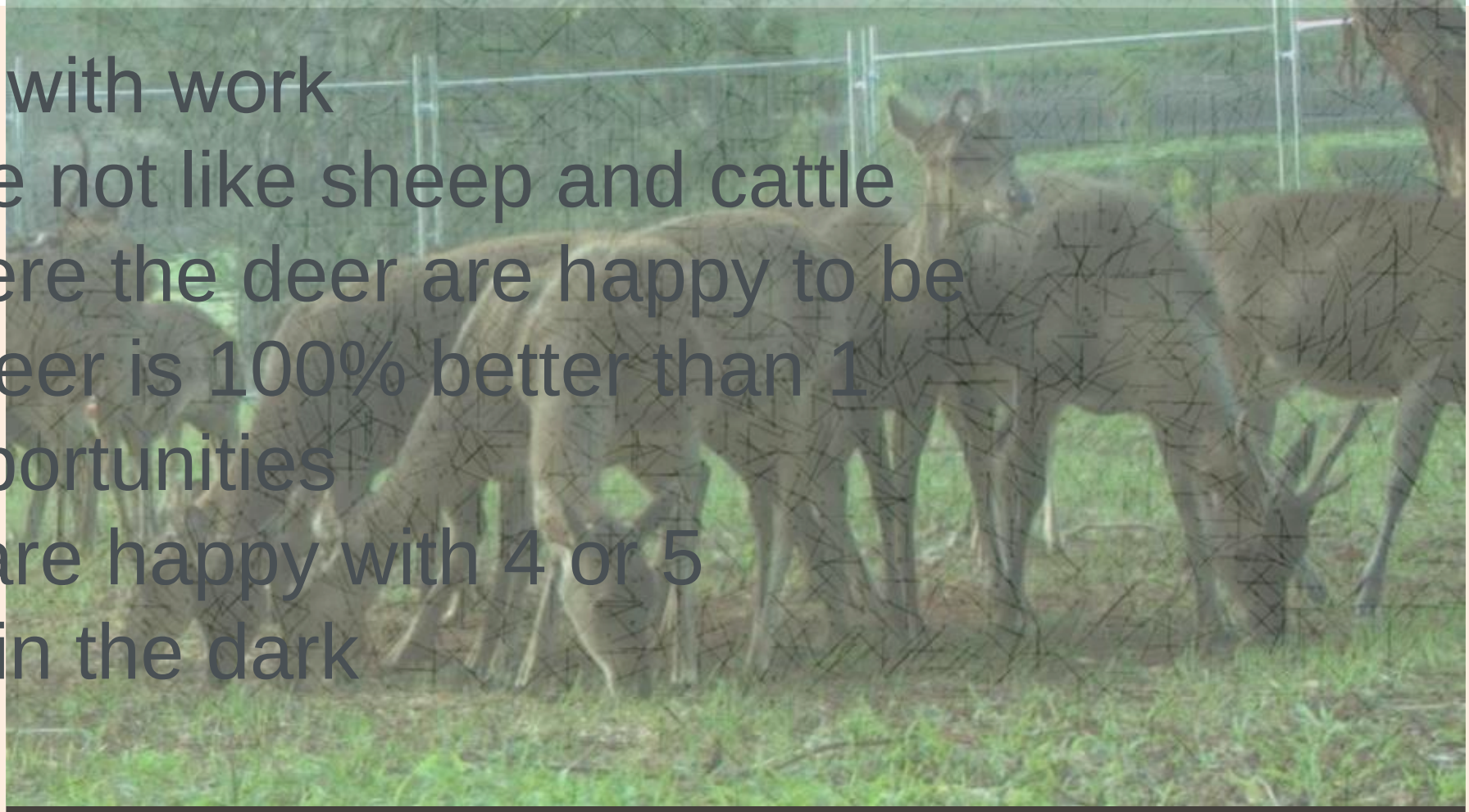
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Lessons Learnt

- Traps work ...with work
- Feral Deer are not like sheep and cattle
- Site traps where the deer are happy to be
- 2 controlled deer is 100% better than 1
- Seasonal Opportunities
- Most people are happy with 4 or 5
- Control traps in the dark
- Experiment



Peri Urban Challenges





Thanks

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