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Submission

The Plan is quite good but more emphasis should be placed on removal of predators like foxes, cats and dogs. But educating the public is important and has been covered in the plan. Hopefully koalas will be introduced back where they once roamed. As the coastal koala habitats are declining it's important that inland reserves are developed.

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Submission

Dear Ms Pascall,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Draft Arboreal Management Plan 2023/24.

Congratulations on a well developed, creative and robust plan. As such, my feedback is relatively minor.

EC04 - Recommendation to go beyond an education campaign and to adopt a cat confinement policy. An individual roaming domestic cat kills on average 186 reptiles, birds and mammals each year, close to 60% of these being native.

EC02 - Suggest either expanding this action or making an additional action to reflect the importance of retaining hollow bearing trees, including 'dead' trees.

EH04 - This is a great approach to target priority locations for the retrofit of barb wire fencing. Could this be expanded to promote wildlife friendly fencing more broadly? Eg. working with RLLS and other stakeholders such as fencing suppliers and contractors.

A final suggestion is to include the promotion of existing programs, eg. Land for Wildlife.

Congratulations again,

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Submission

Congratulations to Council for acting on this given the Biodiversity Crisis unfolding in Australia. The initiatives are good, though it would be nice to see Council allocate some additional funding to this, and to take stronger action when clearing occurs or is proposed locally. Firstly, this should encompass proper application of the AVOID and MINIMISE part of the hierarchy in legislation. Secondly there should be a better process for capturing all of the bits and pieces of clearing that do not trigger the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme. The government reports that the scheme and the legislation is failing to protect biodiversity in NSW, as is the federal legislation. A local offsets policy that applies to everyone would be good, and would help see the local community actually benefit from offsets.

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To: "City of Wagga Wagga" <Council@wagga.nsw.gov.au>
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Subject: re DRAFT - Arboreal Mammal Management Plan 2023/33 AND woody weeds as threatening process.

I commend WWCC on this initiative, with a well drafted strategy.

The liaison with other organisations and individuals, such as landcare, landholders, and the Riverina Land Services, is vital.

While retention of native vegetation is important, so is the management of woody weeds as a threatening process (ie PW03 Implement weed control activities).

WWCC could be role model by controlling woody weeds on Williams Hill (esp adj eastern portion of Baden Powell Drive)

I have had some preliminary discussions with Riverina LLS re this, and would be happy to assist re accessing funding into the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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Submission

Hi!

I love the management plan and definitely think its a step in the right direction to help conserve the arboreal mammals of the Wagga Wagga region. I see that there is a section for 'retrofitting barbed wire' in priority locations. I would like to make the suggestion to work with the local WIRES branch as they have records of a lot of entanglements in the Wagga Wagga area. Also - working with locals who are knowledgeable of the species and where they are located. For example there is a lot of unnecessary barbed wire around the Gobbagombalin bridge area, near smith st in forest hill, and down near DPIE near the university - all of which are areas I know of squirrel gliders being located :)

I can't wait to see this plan all unfold over the next few years!