

Question on Notice

No. 1000

Asked on Thursday, 28 August 2025

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the feral pig population being widely estimated to be in excess of 25m in Australia, with a large proportion in Queensland, particularly in state and national parks, and considering the destruction feral pigs and other pests cause to the agricultural industry—

Will the Minister advise if the government will move to introduce legislation to allow licensed hunting on state and national parks, similar to the New South Wales R-Licence system which has been operating successfully since 2006?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to better managing our protected area estate and to being good neighbours to surrounding landholders, including through best-practice feral pig eradication.

Pest animals such as feral pigs are managed in Queensland's national parks and state forests by highly trained Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) rangers. Ranger-led feral pig eradication delivers the most effective results and maximises benefits to surrounding landholders.

As part of our *More Rangers, Better Neighbours* commitment, the Crisafulli Government is delivering 150 new QPWS and Indigenous Land and Sea rangers.

I will be working closely with QPWS to find ways to better utilise these new rangers to address the problem of feral pigs.

There are no current plans to introduce legislation to authorise hunting on Queensland's national parks and state forests.