

DRAFT ACTION PLAN SPOTTED-TAILED QUOLL

CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the consultation process that the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (the Directorate) carried out regarding the Draft Action Plan for the Spotted-Tailed Quoll that was released in 2018.

A community consultation period commenced on 11 September 2018 and concluded on 29 October 2018.

This summary report provides an overview of the consultation data provided to identify the key themes and a summary of the issues identified and the Directorate's response to those issues where appropriate.

CONSULTATIONAND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The consultation and promotional methods used were designed to meet the Directorate's objective to ensure all stakeholder's views, concerns and ideas were both heard and captured.

The following opportunities were implemented to allow people to present their views:

MEDIA RELEASE

A media release was circulated to promote the consultation period for the draft Action Plan and to inform the public of how to get involved. The media release resulted in two radio interviews (ABC and 2CC).

YOURSAY WEBSITE AND ONLINE SURVEY

The consultation period was promoted on the ACT Government's engagement website, Your Say. The page included information about Spotted-tailed Quolls, photographs, a link to the draft Action Plan, instructions on how submissions could be made. An online survey allowed members of the public to comment on the importance of conserving quolls and their habitat in the ACT and provide information about quoll sightings.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Posts placed on the Directorate's social media webpage informed the public of draft Action Plan consultation and how to get involved.

STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION

Relevant stakeholders were notified of the consultation via email and provided a link to YourSay.

PARTICIPATION AND RESPONSE RATE

The YourSay site was viewed 458 times by 321 visitors during the consultation period; 7 survey responses and 2 submissions were received.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

All submissions and survey responses were supportive of the importance of conserving Spotted -tailed Quolls and their habitat and the need for an Action Plan.

ISSUES RAISED

Topics raised in the submissions and survey responses include:

- The importance of surveys for Spotted-tailed Quolls in the ACT
- The importance of conserving Spotted-tailed Quolls in the ACT
- The impacts of climate change
- Consistency between the draft Action Plan and other plans such as the National Recovery Plan for the species and reserve management plans
- Priority of actions in the plan and the detail provided against some actions
- Budget and resourcing requirements
- Support for further research on the species
- Need to educate the public on how to report sightings of Spotted-tailed Quolls in the ACT.

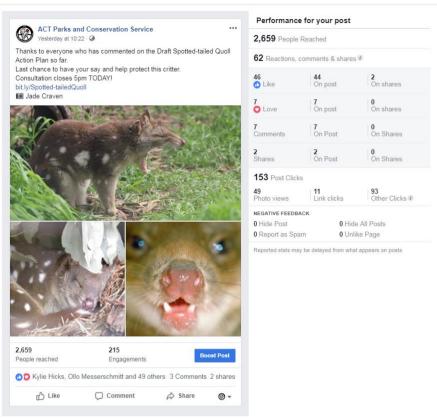
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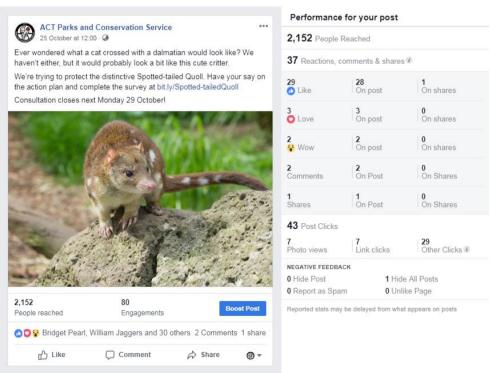
Submissions and survey responses have been passed to the Conservation Research area within the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate for consideration.

WHERE TO NEXT

All submissions and survey responses will be considered in the finalisation of the Action Plan. Publication of the final Spotted-tailed Quoll Action Plan is anticipated in April 2019.

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