

HORSE POPULATION CONTROL AND ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

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Over the past 6 years I have observed feral horses in Arnhem land and central desert Australia while undertaking AMRRIC dog health programs.

There are approximately 1.2 million feral horses in Australia.

Indigenous communities have significant problems with horses damaging infrastructure trying to access feed and water. Overpopulation leads to environmental degradation. Drought and starvation lead to significant welfare issues and attitudes to culling prevent effective control. Handling feral horses for desexing is expensive and difficult. Horse population control is a emotive subject.