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# GOATS

WEED INVASION  
GROUND COVER  
DAMAGE

EROSION

DEVOUR NATIVE  
SAPLINGS

OVER-GRAZING  
LOSS OF \$4.23 MILLION  
TO AGRICULTURE

CROP  
DAMAGE

Goats are intensive grazers and damaging browsers – their presence is known to slow or prevent natural and planned revegetation and has a range of impacts. These include damage to crops, livestock and the removal of foraging habitat for native species.

Goats are also known carriers of parasites and diseases that affect domestic livestock. The negative impact of goats comes at a considerable cost to the environment and the Australian economy with an estimated loss of \$4.23 million per year to agriculture. Herds of up to 30 goats are common in parts of the Molonglo catchment and the species is known to occur from south of the Googong Reservoir to within the Tinderry Nature Reserve.

There are a number of options for goat control on your property. A good place to start is to contact your local Livestock, Health and Pest Authority or Parks, Conservation and Lands branch.

The Molonglo Catchment Group will be happy to help out with your enquiries.  
[www.molonglocatchment.org.au](http://www.molonglocatchment.org.au)

