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PIGS

REDUCED BIODIVERSITY

WEED INVASION PREDATION \$100 MILLION LOSS TO AGRICULTURE

COMPETITION

HABITAT DEGRADATION

EROSION

DAMAGE COMMERCIAL CROPS

Pigs can cause significant soil disturbance as they root around for food or wallow in wet areas, both of which can contribute to soil erosion and a reduction in water quality.

They will also eat and damage commercial crops damaging fences in the process and have been known to attack new born lambs. A little known fact about pigs is that they are predators of native birds, reptiles, reptile eggs, frogs and soil invertebrates. The damage caused to habitats by pigs can also provide an opportunity for weed species to become established.

The negative impact of pigs comes at a considerable cost to the environment and the Australian economy costing the agriculture industry an estimated \$100 million a year. Within the Molonglo catchment they favour timbered areas with access to water; less activity is reported in cleared country. Sightings of pigs occur most frequently in the south-east of the catchment.

There are a number of options for pig 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

