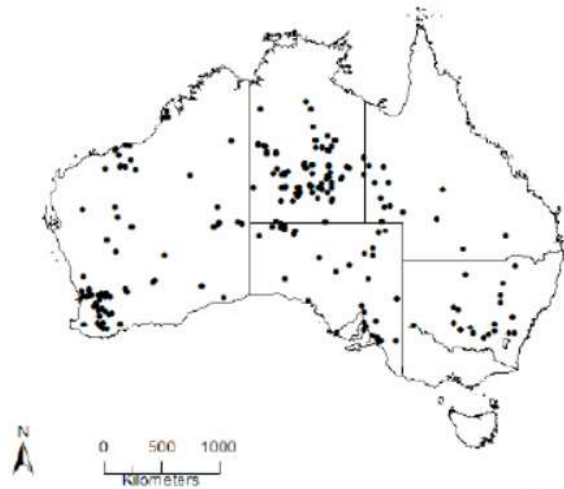


Easter Bilby

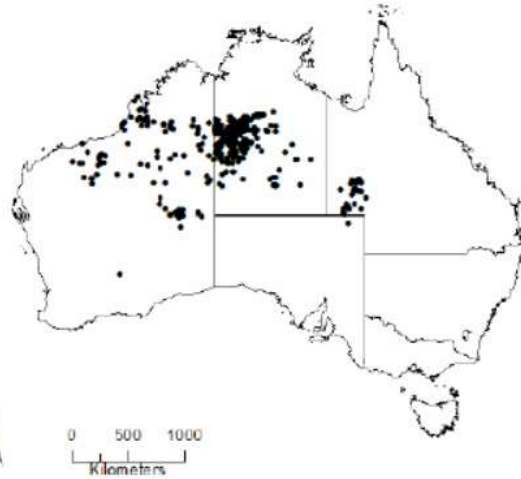
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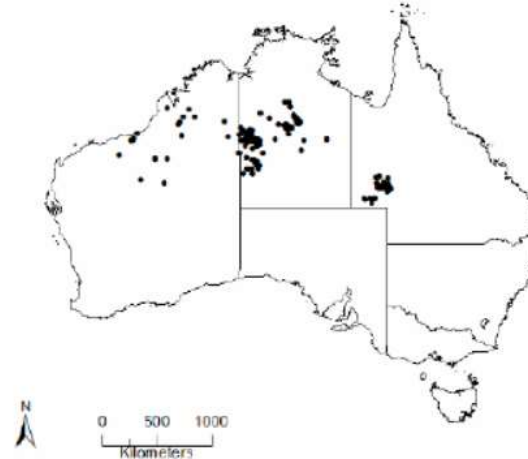
Greater bilby – in decline



All historic records up to 1970

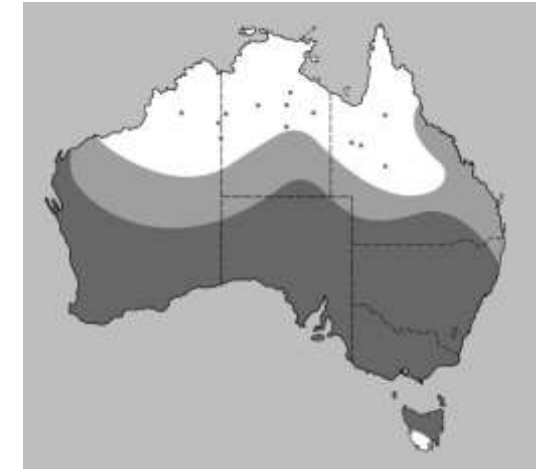


Records 1971 - 1990



Records 1991 - 2004

Recorded observations from the national greater bilby database (Pavey, 2006)



Rabbit distribution
(Williams et.al 1995)

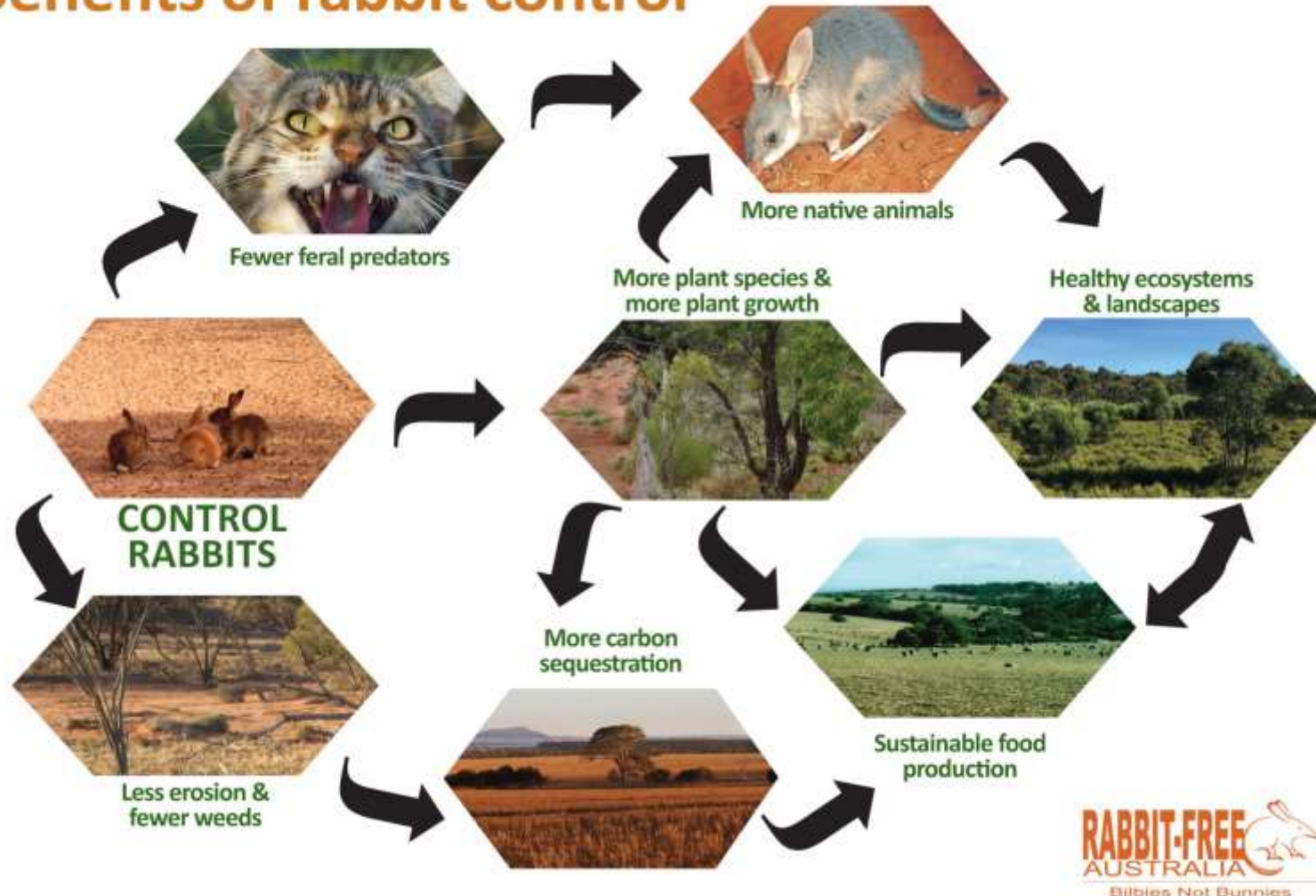
A Rabbit Inspector at Hay (NSW) in the 1800s noted the take-over of bilby burrows by the more aggressive rabbits and reported that within a few decades the bilbies disappeared and the 'whole countryside swarmed with rabbits.'

'the destructive characteristics of rabbits which when burrowing killed every living thing found ... including the very useful pincoo (aka bilby)' 1903

'in areas with little predation the bilbies downfall was probably due to the extraordinary abundance of rabbits, and the consequent struggle for breeding burrows' 1925

Rabbits – ecosystem destroyers

Benefits of rabbit control



Rabbit-induced harm

- Grazing
- Competition for burrows
- Ecological disruption
 - Vegetation structure
 - Consequences
- Hyper-predation
- Soil erosion, carbon & weeds

Easter Bilby

#BilbiesNotBunnies



‘It’s us or them’.

Bilbies want their burrows, their food, their friends back.

The Easter Bilby campaign slogan is ‘**Bilbies not bunnies**’.
It is for **all the displaced and threatened plants and animals**.

Without **our intervention** to control rabbits the plight of bilbies, and other native species, will never improve.

Easter Bilby brings a message of **hope** and **new life**.

Productive, sustainable landscapes with **healthy** natural ecosystems start with **rabbit control**.

Advocating rabbit control



Problem



Solution



People &
Programs



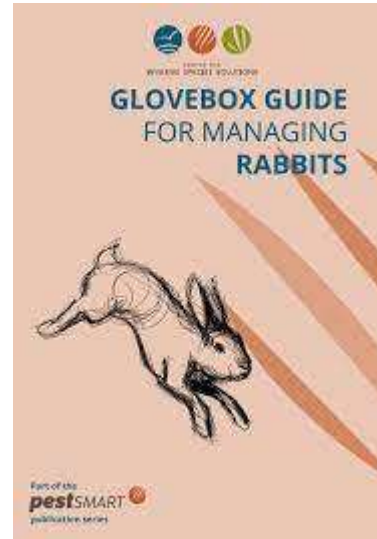
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Resources



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