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Fox prizes ‘don’t go far enough’

Country Alliance says it congratulates last weeks announcement by the government of incentives to manage fox populations - but that they do not go far enough.

The Government said it would award \$10,000 in prizes for the community group judged to have implemented the most effective integrated fox management program.

However Alliance spokesman, Russell Bate, said while it is well intentioned initiative, it is flawed in that the proposal does not offer any criteria by which effectiveness can be judged.

"With no bounty or award that is specifically related to the number of foxes destroyed how can the Government determine whether the program is a success or not," he said.

Mr Bate said the proposed scheme is being done 'on the cheap' and is unlikely to attract the attention of anyone not currently involved in fox control.

"We will therefore continue to rely on the efforts of individual farmers and hunting organisations whose branches regularly undertake fox drives" he said.

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