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Kangaroos shot illegally near Onkaparinga River National Park

Five western grey kangaroos were found shot and dumped on a bush rubbish tip at Hepenstal Road, Hackham, near Onkaparinga River National Park, on Monday 29 September 2008.

Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) District Ranger Nalini Klopp said investigators from the department are calling for information from the public about the incident.

"Western grey kangaroos are protected animals under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, and cannot be destroyed without a permit," she said.

"It's very concerning that someone would want to harm a kangaroo in such a manner."

Ms Klopp said all native animals occurring within South Australia are protected.

"DEH encourages the community to value and protect our environment, including native wildlife," she said.

"Killing any protected species without a permit is an offence, with penalties of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for two years.

"If anyone has any information about the incident, please contact DEH Senior Investigator Pearce Dougherty on 8124 4700."

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