

Permit to Destroy Wildlife

Application information

Legislation

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (sections 53(1)(c), 53(1)(d), or 53(1)(c) and (d))

National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

Overview

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is responsible for regulating the management of native wildlife in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* ('the Act') and all Regulations and Proclamations made under the Act. A permit is required to take (e.g. destroy) protected animals. Under the Act it is an offence to take a protected animal without a permit.

Policy statement

Human-wildlife conflicts occur at different scales and in different situations. DEW encourages an adaptive wildlife management approach to address the impacts caused by wildlife in a way that is humane and socially acceptable.

Where protected animals

- are causing, or likely to cause, damage to the environment or to crops, stock or other property (including built structures); or
- constitute a safety risk or hazard to people or industry;

a Permit to Destroy Wildlife may be granted to manage the impact caused.

DEW acknowledges there are situations where non-lethal methods are not effective or appropriate to address the impacts caused by wildlife. DEW may issue the landowner a permit to allow the use of lethal control methods where non-lethal methods are not appropriate. Where the destruction of wildlife is authorised, compliance with the relevant Code of Practice for humane destruction of wildlife is a condition of permit.

A Permit to Destroy Wildlife does not permit recreational hunting of protected animals.

Assessment considerations

Permit applications are assessed with consideration to the following:

- extent of economic/environmental damage being caused or is likely to be caused by wildlife,
- wildlife presents a threat to human safety,
- non-lethal methods have been tried with limited success or are not appropriate to manage the impact,
- the destruction of some animals provides an effective method of minimising the impact of wildlife,
- the method of destruction is humane and complies with relevant Codes of Practice or animal welfare legislation (where a Code does not exist),
- destruction of some animals from a population will not detrimentally affect ecological sustainability and species conservation status,
- where high numbers of common kangaroos or wallabies are applied for, the commercial kangaroo harvest industry is considered to manage issues.

Fit and proper person assessment

Applicants will be asked whether they have been convicted of prior offences against the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, *Animal Welfare Act 1985*, South Australian firearms legislation or other environment legislation interstate and/or overseas. Where a conviction is declared, applicants must provide a description of the offence, along with the year and State/Territory/Country.

Applicants can still proceed with an application and have it assessed.

Permit holder responsibility

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to make sure that they, and any other persons listed on the Permit to Destroy Wildlife, adhere to the relevant codes of practice for the species listed on the permit. This is the case even if the permit holder is not undertaking the destruction of wildlife themselves. If any person listed on the permit fails to comply with any limitation, restriction, condition or provision of the permit, then the permit holder is guilty of an offence under the Act.

Responsibility of all persons undertaking destruction of wildlife

Any person carrying out the destruction of wildlife must comply with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and Regulations, the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and Regulations and any applicable code(s) of practice, animal welfare standards, guidelines or procedures where they exist.

In addition, any person using a firearm to undertake the destruction of wildlife must comply with the *Firearms Act 2015* and Regulations and the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*. Shooting must only be carried out by the holder of an appropriate firearms licence from one of the following licence categories:

Category 3 (hunting)

Category 5 (primary production)

Category 7 (contract shooter)

Category 12(v) or 12 (vii) (miscellaneous)

Reminder: recreational hunting of protected animals is not permitted at any time under a Permit to Destroy Wildlife.

Under the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*, it is an offence for a person, without lawful excuse, to discharge a firearm. It is also an offence under this Act for a person to discharge a firearm to injure, annoy or frighten any person, or to damage any property; or for that person to be reckless as to whether that act injures, annoys or frightens, or may injure, annoy or frighten, any person or damage any property.

The destruction of wildlife on or near property boundaries and roads may pose a risk to the safety of people and livestock on neighbouring properties. It is recommended that permit holders contact the local police and surrounding neighbours before any firearms are discharged under a Permit to Destroy Wildlife in or nearby built up areas, especially where high-powered rifles will be used.

Linking landholders to professional and accredited volunteer shooters

Landholders are encouraged to consider using the services of professional or accredited volunteer shooters.

Landholders in the commercial kangaroo harvest area of South Australia seeking destruction of kangaroos may wish to utilise the commercial kangaroo industry to assist with kangaroo management. Please contact the Kangaroo Management Program on Tel: 8648 5318 or Email: kmp@sa.gov.au for further information.

Fees

No permit fee applies.

Do I need to keep records?

Yes. A report specifying the species and number destroyed must be completed within 14 days of permit expiry or within 14 days of permit completion (whichever is the earlier). Further permits will not be granted unless the report is submitted. The permit holder may only destroy the species and number of protected animals as listed on the permit.

How long does a permit last?

A permit cannot exceed 12 months in duration.

Can the permit be transferred or varied?

No. A permit is not transferable and cannot be varied. Once a permit is granted, additional names cannot be added to the permit, nor names removed from the permit. A new permit will need to be applied for, assessed and issued if there is a change to the shooters nominated or conditions of permit.

How long will it take to obtain a permit?

An application may take up to 4 weeks to process. Applications for new or more complex wildlife management issues, or that require further information, could take longer to process.

Personal use of kangaroo or wallaby carcasses or skins

If granted a Permit to Destroy Wildlife for kangaroos or wallabies, a permit holder can elect to use the carcass (e.g. meat or skin) for personal use. This also applies to the persons authorised on the permit to carry out the destruction. The landholder (i.e. the person named as the permit holder) will be exempt from the requirement of purchasing yellow tags and tagging kangaroo or wallaby carcasses for personal use if the kangaroo or wallaby carcasses, or parts thereof, are not removed from the property specified in the permit.

If the persons authorised to carry out the destruction of kangaroos or wallabies intend to remove the carcasses from the property for their own personal use, then the permit holder will need to purchase yellow personal use tags for this to occur. The kangaroo or wallaby carcass must be tagged with a yellow personal use tag before it is moved from the property.

The carcass or skin cannot be sold, traded or given away to any other person. The carcass or skin cannot be moved out of South Australia.

The royalty fee payable for the yellow personal use tag is \$1.60 per tag per animal.

If you, or any person authorised by the permit to carry out the destruction of kangaroos, intend to use any kangaroo carcasses for personal use, please indicate in your application the quantity of yellow personal use tags you wish to purchase. The permit holder is responsible for these tags.

Department for Environment and Water responsibilities

The Department for Environment and Water abides by the Government of South Australia's [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#).

The information required on this form is collected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. We collect this information to determine your eligibility for a permit, to issue the related permit and for compliance activities related to the permit. Your personal information will not be disclosed to a third party except in accordance with the [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#). Information held by the Department may be used by law enforcement agencies, as well as other uses provided for by law. Such access for approved purposes may be granted to other government agencies. When you complete this application form, understand that you have consented to the release of information provided by you, to other agencies for compliance and/or enforcement purposes.

You should only proceed with this application if you have read and understand the requirements that apply to this permit type.

Where do I send my completed application form?

You will need to send your completed application form to the Department for Environment and Water office that is located nearest to the property being affected by wildlife.

Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges		
Black Hill	115 Maryvale Road, Athelstone 5076	T: 8336 0901 F: 8336 0900 E: dew.amlrblackhilloffice@sa.gov.au
Para Wirra	115 Maryvale Road, Athelstone 5076	T: 8280 7048 F: 8280 7862 E: dew.amlrblackhilloffice@sa.gov.au
Cleland	Workshop Road, Cleland 5152 PO Box 306, Crafers 5152	T: 8130 9050 E: dew.npwscentrallofty@sa.gov.au
Victor Harbor	3 Eyre Terrace, Victor Harbor PO Box 721, Victor Harbor 5211	T: 8552 0300 F: 8552 3950 E: DEW.VictorHarborOffice@sa.gov.au
Deep Creek	Tappanappa Road, Delamere C/ PO Delamere 5204	T: 8598 0263 F: 8598 0269 E: DEW.VictorHarborOffice@sa.gov.au
Yorke and Mid North		
Clare	155 Main North Road, Clare 5453	T: 8841 3400 F: 8841 3411 E: dew.nrny@sa.gov.au
Mambray Creek	Mount Remarkable National Park Mambray Creek PMB 7 via Port Pirie 5540	T: 8634 7068 E: dew.nrny@sa.gov.au
Orroroo	17 Second Street, Orroroo 5431	T: 8658 1086 E: dew.nrny@sa.gov.au
Wirrabara	911 Forest Road, Wirrabara PO Box91, Wirrabara, 5481	T: 8303 0555 E: dew.nrny@sa.gov.au
Stenhouse Bay	Innes NP, Yorke Highway, Stenhouse Bay 5575 CMB Stenhouse Bay 5575	T: 8854 3200 E: dewinnesnationalpark@sa.gov.au
Limestone Coast (South East)		
Keith	61 Anzac Terrace, Keith PO Box 138, Keith 5267	T: 8755 1620 E: lc.npws@sa.gov.au
Mt Gambier	11 Helen Street, Mount Gambier PO Box 1046, Mount Gambier 5290	T: 8735 1177 E: lc.npws@sa.gov.au
Naracoorte	Wonambi Road, Naracoorte PO Box 134, Naracoorte 5271	T: 8760 1203 E: lc.npws@sa.gov.au

Eyre Peninsula and Far West		
Port Lincoln	86 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln PO Box 22, Port Lincoln 5606	T: 8688 3111 F: 8688 3110 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Ceduna	50B McKenzie Street, Ceduna PO Box 569, Ceduna 5690	T: 8625 3706 F: 8625 3123 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Gawler Ranges	PO Box 221 Wudinna 5652	T: 8648 1883 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Streaky Bay	15 Bay Road, Streaky Bay PO Box 333, Streaky Bay 5680	T: 8626 1108 F: 8626 1671 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Kangaroo Island		
Kingscote	37 Dauncey Street, Kingscote PO Box 39, Kingscote 5223	T: 8553 4444 F: 8553 2531 E: DEW.KIReferrals@sa.gov.au
Flinders and Outback		
Port Augusta	Level 1, 9 Mackay Street, Port Augusta PO Box 78, Port Augusta, 5700	T: 8648 5300 F: 8648 5301 E: DEW.SAALNRMAridlands@sa.gov.au
Ikara - Flinders Ranges (Oraparinna)	National Park Private Mail Bag 10 via Hawker 5434	T: 8648 0017 F: 8648 0060 E: DEW.SAALNRMAridlands@sa.gov.au
Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges (Balcanoona)	PMB 13 Via Copley SA 5732	T: 8648 4829 F: 8648 4853 E: DEW.SAALNRMAridlands@sa.gov.au
Ikara - Flinders Ranges (Wilpena Pound)	Wilpena Road, Hawker Private Mail Bag 22, Hawker 5434	T: 8648 0049 F: 8648 0031 E: DEW.SAALNRMAridlands@sa.gov.au
Riverland and Murraylands		
Berri	2 Wade Street, Berri, 5343	T: 8580 1800 F: 8582 4488 E: DEWSAMDBRiverlandDistrict@sa.gov.au
Murray Bridge	110A Mannum Road, Murray Bridge, 5253 PO Box 2343 Murray Bridge 5253	T: 8532 9100 F: 8531 1843 E: DEWSAMDBRiverlandDistrict@sa.gov.au
Lameroo	74 Railway Terrace North, Lameroo PO Box 21, Lameroo 5302	T: 8576 3400 F: 8576 3685 E: DEWSAMDBRiverlandDistrict@sa.gov.au
Strathalbyn	6 Catherine Street, Strathalbyn PO Box 4, Strathalbyn 5253	T: 8536 5600 F: 8536 8435 E: DEWSAMDBRiverlandDistrict@sa.gov.au

Application for a Permit to Destroy Wildlife

Pursuant to section 53(1)(c), 53(1)(d), or 53(1)(c) and (d) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*

Part 1: Applicant relationship to the property impacted by wildlife			
<input type="checkbox"/> land owner	<input type="checkbox"/> manager/employee (land/property/infrastructure)*	<input type="checkbox"/> lessee*	
*I have permission from the landowner or infrastructure owner to make this application			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Part 2: Applicant information			
Your personal details			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
Your residential address			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Your mailing address			
<input type="checkbox"/> as above			
e.g. Post Office Box	City/suburb/town		Post code
Your contact details			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	
Prior convictions			
Have you ever been convicted of an offence against the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> , the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> , South Australian Firearms Legislation or equivalent interstate legislation? If yes, please provide details below.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of offence		Year	State/Territory
Part 3: Property location, size and use			
3.1 Location where you plan to destroy wildlife			
<input type="checkbox"/> residential address stated above		<input type="checkbox"/> different property location (please provide details below)	
Property name: (if applicable)		Property size: (hectares or km ²)	
Property address: (road location) <i>if a site visit required</i>			

Hundred name:	Section number / Deposit or Filed Plan number / Lot or Piece number

Approximate area of property affected (in hectares or % area):

3.2 Primary use of property

For what purpose is your property/asset used? Tick only those that apply to your situation

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (cropping) | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (orchard) | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (stock grazing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby farm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marina | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): | |

Part 4: Wildlife causing impacts or damage

4.1 Species and number on property

Species common name	Estimate of numbers	Number to be destroyed

Part 5: Impacts or damage and non-lethal actions taken

5.1 Impacts or damage to property or safety caused by wildlife (tick only those that apply to your situation)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Threatening human safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Built environment / assets | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant crops / produce or agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

5.2 Please provide a detailed description of the nature of damage / impacts caused

5.3 Current actions to minimise impacts or damage			
Are you currently using non-lethal methods to minimise the impacts or damage caused by protected animals?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the non-lethal methods used to minimise the impact or damage, the length of time trialled and the outcome (please attach additional pages if required)			
Species name/type:			
Non-lethal methods used to minimise the impact or damage	Length of time trialled	Outcome of non-lethal method	
Part 6: Method of wildlife destruction			
If a permit is granted, how will the wildlife be destroyed?			
6.1 In the case of an animal			
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of firearm (please refer to relevant Code of Practice * for humane destruction of wildlife)			
Type of firearm	Shot size/ammunition combination	Species name	Complies with Code of Practice*
<input type="checkbox"/> .410 shotgun			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 gauge shotgun			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> .222 centrefire rifle			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Another type of firearm <i>please specify then see question below</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe below the reasons why another type of firearm is required (e.g. small property or adjacent to small properties, roads or township). Attach additional pages if needed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other method (where the method to be used is not by use of a firearm) (Please provide details of the technique/method to be used. Attach additional pages if needed)			

Report on taking protected animals or eggs (Permit to Destroy Wildlife)

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, section 53(4)

TO:

The Director, National Parks and Wildlife
GPO Box 1047
Adelaide SA 5001

Permit number: _____

Name of permit holder: _____

Address: _____

Summary of animals taken

Species common name	Actual number destroyed	Yellow tag numbers used (macropod species only)

Signature:.....

Date:.....

