

# Permit to Destroy Wildlife

A Permit to Destroy Wildlife entitles the permit holder to destroy protected animals or the eggs of protected animals where they:

- 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 does not permit recreational hunting of protected animals. It is an offence to destroy a protected animal without a permit.

## Application processing time

Allow up to 4 weeks (20 business days). Complex wildlife management issues or incomplete applications may require further information and take longer to process.

## Fees

No permit fee applies.

## Assessment criteria

Permit applications are assessed with consideration to the following:

- use or effectiveness of non-lethal methods to manage impacts
- extent of economic or environmental damage being caused, or likely to be caused by wildlife
- threat to human safety by wildlife
- effectiveness of lethal methods to minimise impacts
- effect of lethal methods on conservation
- proposed lethal methods are humane and comply with relevant Codes of Practice and animal welfare laws
- applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a permit.

## Your property details

You must provide specific property information on your application regarding where the animals will be destroyed, including a Hundred reference (e.g. Moorowie) and a Plan Parcel reference (e.g. D32868 A204).

You may source this information from a council rates notice or online using the SA Property and Planning Atlas at <https://sappa.plan.sa.gov.au/>. Locate your property using the 'Search' or 'Zoom' instructions. Right click on your property to view the property information panel and find the Hundred and Plan Parcel necessary to complete your application.

Please list the details for all properties on your application if you require destruction on multiple properties.



## Personal use of carcasses or skins

A permit holder, and other persons listed on the permit, may be authorised to use the carcass (e.g., meat, skin) of a kangaroo or wallaby under a Permit to Destroy Wildlife by payment of a royalty fee (\$1.75 per animal) and by attaching a yellow sealed tag to a carcass before it is removed from a property. The personal use of other destroyed protected animal species is not permitted.

Uniquely numbered yellow tags may be included on a permit and issued to the permit holder. A permit holder may only give the tags to nominated persons listed on the permit to carry out destruction. A tag, carcass or skin cannot be sold or given away to any other person, or moved out of South Australia. Please indicate the quantity of yellow tags you require on your application.

## Shooters

The permit holder, and any persons listed on the permit, who are undertaking destruction by shooting, must hold a current firearms licence from one of the following categories:

- Category 3 (hunting)
- Category 5 (primary production)
- Category 7 (contract shooter)
- Category 12(v) or 12 (vii) (miscellaneous).

Consider using the services of professional shooters, accredited volunteer shooters, or where possible the commercial kangaroo harvest industry. For more information about commercial kangaroo harvest, please visit [www.environment.sa.gov.au](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au), call 8648 5318, or email [kmp@sa.gov.au](mailto:kmp@sa.gov.au).

We recommend contacting the local police and surrounding neighbours before firearms are discharged near property boundaries, built-up areas, or roads.

Once a permit is granted, additional names cannot be added to, or removed from, the permit. A new permit will need to be applied for and issued to change the nominated persons who can operate under the permit.

## Permit conditions

It is an offense for the permit holder, or any person listed on a permit, not to comply with the conditions of a Permit to Destroy Wildlife.

Limitations, restrictions and conditions for the destruction of protected animals on a permit may include:

- species and quantity of animals that may be destroyed
- location(s) where destruction may take place
- persons additional to the permit holder who may undertake destruction
- methods of destruction comply with the relevant Code of Practice for humane destruction or animal welfare laws (where a Code does not exist)
- animal carcasses may not be removed from a property without approval
- a report specifying the species and number destroyed must be returned within 14 days of permit completion (i.e., when the permitted number of animals is reached) or within 14 days of permit expiry
- any additional conditions placed on the permit by the department.

## Submit your application

Complete all sections of the application form and submit to the office below that is located nearest to the property being affected by wildlife.

	Address	Email	Phone
Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges			
Barossa Metro Adelaide Adelaide Hills Fleurieu Peninsula	Post & office: 115 Maryvale Road Athelstone 5076	<a href="mailto:dew.amlroffice@sa.gov.au">dew.amlroffice@sa.gov.au</a>	(08) 7133 7300
Yorke and Mid North			
Southern Flinders Mid North Yorke Peninsula	Post & office: 155 Main North Road Clare 5453	<a href="mailto:yorkeandmidnorth.npw@sa.gov.au">yorkeandmidnorth.npw@sa.gov.au</a>	(08) 8841 3400
Riverland and Murraylands			
Berri	Post: PO Box 231 Berri 5343 Office: 28 Vaughan Terrace Berri, 5343	<a href="mailto:rm.npws@sa.gov.au">rm.npws@sa.gov.au</a>	(08) 8429 9690
Murray Bridge	Post: PO Box 752 Murray Bridge 5253		
Lameroo	Post: PO Box 21 Lameroo 5302		
Limestone Coast (South East)			
Mt Gambier	Post: PO Box 1046 Mount Gambier 5290 Office: 152 Jubilee Highway East, Mount Gambier	<a href="mailto:lc.npws@sa.gov.au">lc.npws@sa.gov.au</a>	(08) 7424 5770
Naracoorte	Post: PO Box 134 Naracoorte 5271 Office: Wonambi Road, Naracoorte		(08) 8760 1203
Meningie	Post: PO Box 105 Meningie 5264		(08) 7133 7270
Eyre Peninsula and Far West			
Port Lincoln	Post: PO Box 22 Port Lincoln 5606 Office: 86 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln	<a href="mailto:epparks@sa.gov.au">epparks@sa.gov.au</a>	(08) 8688 3111
Ceduna	Post: PO Box 569 Ceduna 5690 Office: 50B McKenzie Street, Ceduna		(08) 8625 3144
Gawler Ranges	Post: PO Box 221 Wudinna 5652		(08) 8648 1883
Streaky Bay	Post: PO Box 333 Streaky Bay 5680 Office: 15 Bay Road, Streaky Bay		(08) 8626 1108
Kangaroo Island			
Kingscote	Post: PO Box 39 Kingscote 5223 Office: 37 Dauncey Street, Kingscote	<a href="mailto:dew.npwsreferralskangarooisland@sa.gov.au">dew.npwsreferralskangarooisland@sa.gov.au</a>	(08) 8553 4444
Flinders and Outback			
Port Augusta	Post: PO Box 78 Port Augusta, 5700 Office: Level 1, 9 Mackay Street, Port Augusta	<a href="mailto:dew.flindersandoutback@sa.gov.au">dew.flindersandoutback@sa.gov.au</a>	(08) 8648 5300
Balcannoona (Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges)	Post: Private Mail Bag 13 Via Copley 5732		(08) 8648 4829
Wilpena Pound (Ikara-Flinders Ranges)	Post: Private Mail Bag 22 Hawker 5434 Office: Wilpena Road, Hawker		(08) 8648 0049

# 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* and *National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019*

Form not valid for use after June 2026

<b>Part 1: Your relationship to the property impacted by wildlife</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> land owner <input type="checkbox"/> manager/employee (land/property/infrastructure)* <input type="checkbox"/> lessee*			
*I have permission from the landowner/infrastructure owner to make this application <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Part 2: Applicant information</b>			
<b>Your personal details</b>			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
<b>Your residential address</b>			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
<b>Your postal address</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> as above			
e.g. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
<b>Your contact details</b>			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	
<b>Do you hold a current firearms licence (category 3, 5, 7, 12(v) or 12(vii))?</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Prior convictions</b>			
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
<b>Description of offence</b>		<b>Year</b>	<b>State/Territory</b>
<b>Part 3: Property information</b>			
<b>3.1 Location where you plan to destroy wildlife</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> residential address stated above <input type="checkbox"/> different property location (provide details in 3.2)			
<b>Property name:</b> (if applicable)		<b>Property size:</b> (hectares or km <sup>2</sup> )	
<b>Descriptive property address:</b> (road location)			

3.2 Property details		
Find your property details on <a href="#">SAAPA</a> .		
<b>Hundred</b> e.g. <i>Moorowie</i>	<b>Plan reference</b> include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. <i>D32868</i>	<b>Parcel reference</b> include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. <i>A204, A207-A220</i>
<b>3.3 Purpose/use of property</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (cropping) <input type="checkbox"/> Marina <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture <input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (orchard) <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby farm <input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (stock grazing) <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Private residence <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):		
<b>3.4 Approximate area of property impacted by wildlife</b> (hectares or %):		
<b>Part 4: Wildlife details</b>		
<b>4.1 Animals causing impacts on property and proposed destruction quantity</b>		
<b>Species common name</b>	<b>Estimate of numbers</b>	<b>Number to be destroyed</b>
<b>Part 5: Impacts and non-lethal actions taken</b>		
<b>5.1 Frequency of wildlife impacts</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> First occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:		
<b>5.2 Impacts caused by wildlife.</b> Tick and provide detail to those that apply to your situation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Threatening human safety</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive/defensive animal (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle collision hazard (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure safety hazard (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous animal waste (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Other/more detail (please specify)		

☐ **Impacting built environment/assets**

- ☐ Damage to fences
- ☐ Damage to property/infrastructure from chewing, digging, scratching (please specify)
- ☐ Fouling property/infrastructure/water sources with animal waste
- ☐ Undermining ground (e.g., roads, vehicle tracks, water tanks) (please specify)
- ☐ Undermining operational performance of infrastructure (please specify)
- ☐ Other/more detail (please specify)

☐ **Impacting primary production**

- ☐ Eating or damage to fruit, vegetable, or nut crops (please specify)
- ☐ Eating or damage to crops or pasture (please specify)
- ☐ Fouling water sources
- ☐ Other (please specify)

☐ **Impacting natural environment**

- ☐ Damage or grazing to native remnant vegetation
- ☐ Damage or grazing to revegetation sites
- ☐ Competing with threatened species for food, water, or shelter
- ☐ Causing erosion
- ☐ Fouling water sources
- ☐ Other/more detail (please specify)

☐ **Other (please specify below)**

- ☐ Fouling water sources
- ☐ Fouling public amenity areas
- ☐ Excessive noise
- ☐ Public nuisance (please specify)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

**5.3 Current actions to minimise impacts**

**Are you currently using non-lethal methods to minimise the impacts caused by protected animals?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If 'No', please explain why:**



**Government of  
South Australia**

For more information please contact your local National Parks & Wildlife Service regional office  
[www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits)



If 'Yes', please describe below: (attach additional pages if required)			
Species common name	Non-lethal methods used to minimise impact	Length of time trialed	Outcome of method

  

<b>Part 6: Method of wildlife destruction</b>																											
<b>If a permit is granted, how will the wildlife be destroyed?</b>																											
<b>6.1 In the case of an animal</b>																											
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of firearm. Please provide firearm details in the below table/s for the relevant animal/s. <b>Must comply</b> with the applicable <a href="#">Code of Practice</a> for humane destruction of wildlife.																											
<input type="checkbox"/> Other method (where the method is not by use of a firearm) Please provide details of the technique/method to be used (attach additional pages if required):																											
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<b>6.2 In the case of fertile eggs</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Destroy eggs by breaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Egg oiling	<input type="checkbox"/> Egg pricking
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):		
<b>Part 7: Other persons to carry out destruction of wildlife (where the person is not the applicant)</b>		
<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> You as the permit holder may be found guilty of an offense if you, or any person listed below, fails to comply with any permit condition. Anyone who destroys wildlife must also comply with other applicable laws (e.g., animal welfare, firearms).</p> <p><b>Additional names cannot be added to the permit once it has been granted. A new permit application will be required.</b></p>		
<b>Full name</b>	<b>Residential address</b>	<b>Holds current firearms licence (category 3, 5, 7, 12(v) or 12(vii))</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Part 8: Personal use of kangaroo and wallaby carcasses or skins</b>		
A royalty fee of \$1.75 per animal must be paid and a yellow tag must be attached to each carcass before it can be moved from the property and used by the permit holder, or persons listed on the permit.		
I require yellow tags for personal use of kangaroo carcasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Quantity required:
<b>Part 9: Permit duration – maximum permit length is 12 months</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> 9 months <input type="checkbox"/> 12 months
<b>Part 10: Permit delivery method</b>		
If a permit is granted, how would you like to receive the permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Mail*		
*Do you require a copy of the applicable <a href="#">Code of Practice for the humane destruction of wildlife</a> to be mailed?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please mail me a copy. <input type="checkbox"/> No, I have read and understand the Code of Practice.		
<b>Part 11: Declaration by applicant</b>		<i>Form not valid for use after June 2026</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have read, understand and will comply with the requirements of the applicable <a href="#">Code of Practice for the humane destruction of wildlife</a> (as published on the DEW website).</li> <li>I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate.</li> <li>I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement.</li> <li>I understand that a permit may be declined or granted with parameters different to those applied.</li> <li>I acknowledge that the information provided in this application may be used in accordance with the Government of South Australia's <a href="#">Information Privacy Principles Instruction</a>.</li> </ul>		
<b>Signature of applicant</b>	<b>Dated</b>	





# Report on taking protected animals or eggs of protected animals under Permit to Destroy Wildlife

Section 53(4) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* (NPW Act) requires that you complete this report and return it within 14 days of permit expiry or revocation. Penalties may apply for non-lodgement of this report.

The completed report must be returned to the National Parks and Wildlife Service office at the above address.

If all animals are taken before the permit expires you are requested to complete this report and return it within 14 days of permit completion.

If no protected animals or eggs of protected animals were taken pursuant to the permit, the report must state that fact.

Where personal use sealed tags are issued pursuant to this permit, the permit holder must report the tag numbers used.

This report may be required before future permit applications are considered.

**Permit number:**

**Permit Holder:**

## Summary of animals taken

Species common name	Number permitted	Actual number destroyed	Yellow tag numbers used (if applicable, for macropod species only)

**Permit holder signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_