

Managing impact causing wildlife on your property

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) recognises that landholders, land and resource managers, community and industry may have a need to manage the impacts caused by wildlife to acceptable levels to protect their livelihoods, safety and biodiversity assets, consistent with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*.

Landowners are encouraged to undertake non-lethal management approaches to mitigate wildlife impacts where it is practical. Contact your local National Parks office to discuss non-lethal wildlife management options.

DEW acknowledges there are situations where non-lethal methods are not effective or appropriate to address the impacts caused by wildlife.

Permits may be issued for lethal control methods on a property if the impacts are:

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

Where a permit is issued, the destruction of wildlife can be undertaken by the landowner, their family or staff, contractors (e.g. a Kangaroo Field Processor), or volunteers who are specifically named on the permit and possess the appropriate firearms license.

Landowners may also consider the commercial harvest industry to assist in managing the impacts of abundant kangaroo or wallaby populations on their properties.

Permit applications

Landowners or managers/employees of the property on behalf of the landowner may apply

for a Permit to Destroy Wildlife. No permit fees apply.

Permit to Destroy Wildlife application forms are available from the DEW website environment.sa.gov.au/wildlife-permits or at your local National Parks office.



Codes of Practice for humane destruction

The welfare of all animals is important to DEW and the treatment and destruction of all animals must comply with the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and any applicable codes of practice, animal welfare standards, guidelines or procedures where they exist.

Codes of Practice for the humane destruction of native wildlife (protected and unprotected) are applicable for:

- birds (and flocking birds)
- wombats
- brushtail possums
- kangaroos and wallabies.

Where a Code of Practice doesn't exist, you must comply with the general provision of the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and the regulations.

Compliance

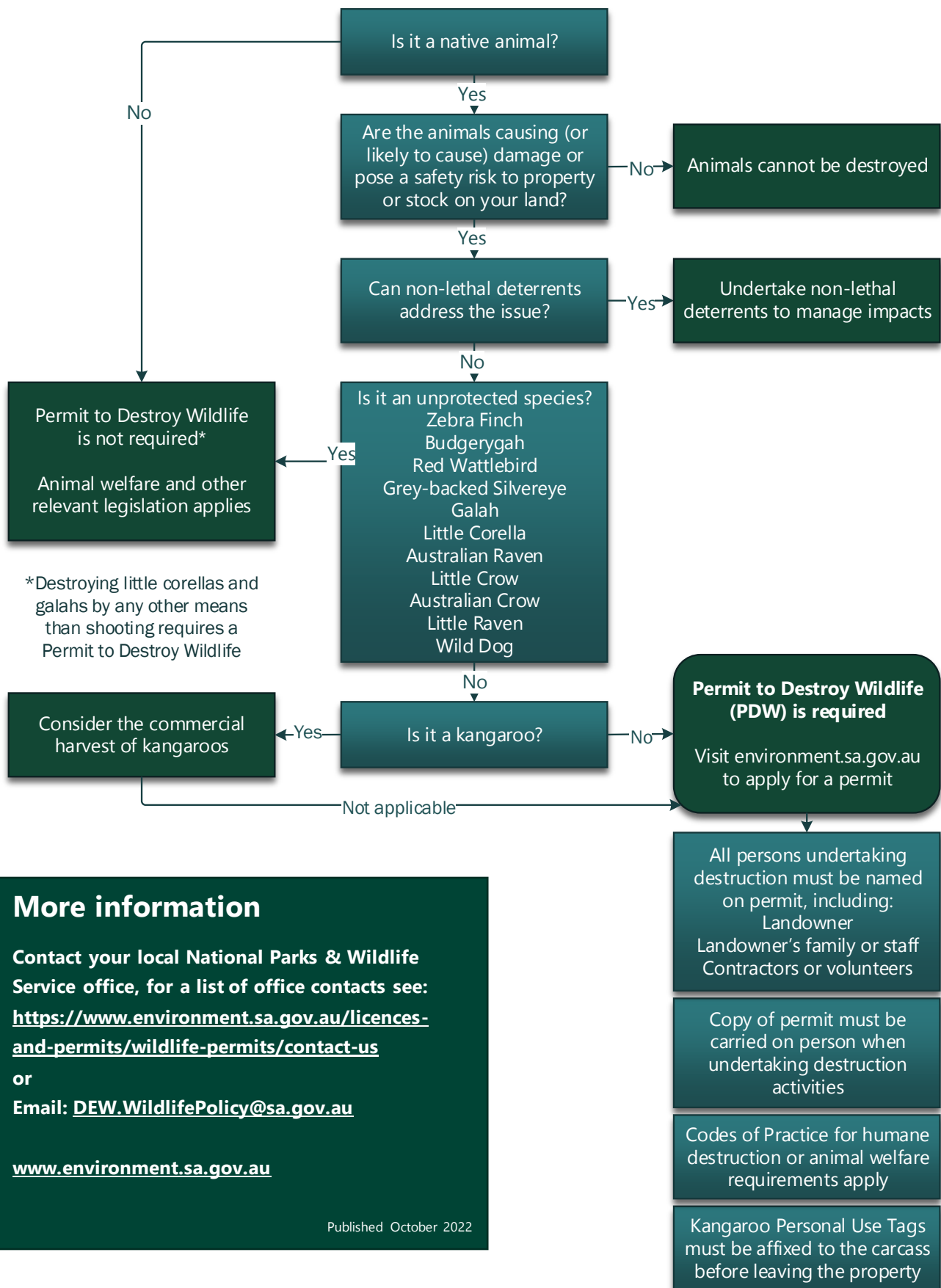
It is an offense to destroy a protected animal without a permit. DEW takes breaches of legislation, permits and Codes of Practice seriously; and has the power to inspect, investigate and prosecute. Suspected breaches can be reported to your local National Parks office.



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