

Permit to Destroy Wildlife

Before completing your application, please read the following 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 destroy a protected animal without a permit.

Permit description

A Permit to Destroy Wildlife entitles the permit holder to destroy protected animals or the eggs of protected animals (identified in the permit by reference to their species) 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.

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.

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 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
- the commercial kangaroo harvest industry has been considered to manage issues where high numbers of kangaroos or wallabies are applied for.

Animal welfare

Humane destruction of animals is important to DEW and all destruction of animals must comply with the relevant Code of Practice for humane destruction, the *Animal Welfare Act 1985*, and the limitations, restrictions and conditions of the permit granted.

Fit and proper person assessment

Applicants will be asked whether they have been convicted of 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.

How to provide your property details

It is required to provide specific information in your application regarding the property details from where the animals will be destroyed. These details need to be in the form of a Hundred reference (e.g. Adelaide) and a Plan Parcel reference (e.g. D32868 A204).

This information may be sourced from a council rates notice. Alternatively, you can source this information online using the [SA Property and Planning Atlas](#). Locate your property using the 'Search' or 'Zoom' instructions. Right click on your property and property details will be displayed on the left screen panel, including the Hundred and Plan Parcel necessary to complete your application.

If there are multiple properties where you would like destruction to occur, please list the details for all properties (parcels) on your application.

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 permit conditions, including 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 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 license categories:

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



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

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, especially in or nearby built up areas.

Linking landholders to professional and accredited volunteer shooters

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

Landholders in the commercial kangaroo harvest areas of South Australia seeking destruction of kangaroos may wish to utilise the commercial kangaroo industry to assist with kangaroo management. For more information please visit environment.sa.gov.au or contact the DEW Kangaroo Management Program by phone on 8648 5318 or email at kmp@sa.gov.au.

How long will it take to obtain a permit?

An application may take up to 4 weeks (20 business days) to process. Applications for new or more complex wildlife management issues, or that require further information, could take longer to process.

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 completion (i.e. when the permitted number of animals is reached) or within 14 days of permit expiry (whichever is the earlier). Further permits may not be granted for the same species on the same property unless the report is submitted. The permit holder may only destroy the species and number of protected animals as listed on the permit. A reporting template will be provided upon granting of the permit and is also shown on the last page of the application form.

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 nominated shooters, properties or species cannot be added to the permit. A new permit will need to be applied for, assessed and issued if there are any changes required.

Personal use of kangaroo or wallaby carcasses or skins

A permit holder may be authorised to use the carcass (e.g. meat, skin) of a kangaroo or wallaby under a Permit to Destroy Wildlife.

Personal use is authorised by payment of a royalty fee and attachment of a yellow sealed tag to a carcass before it is removed from a property. The royalty fee is \$1.65 per animal. Uniquely numbered yellow sealed tags



may be issued with a valid Permit to Destroy Wildlife. Each yellow sealed tag must also have the associated Permit to Destroy Wildlife number written on the back of the tag.

The permit holder is responsible for the yellow tags and they can only be given for personal use to the nominated persons listed on the permit to carry out destruction. A tag, 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.

If you, or any person authorised by the permit to carry out destruction, intend to use any kangaroo or wallaby carcasses for personal use, please indicate on your application the quantity of yellow personal use tags you require.

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 National Parks and Wildlife Service office that is located nearest to the property being affected by wildlife.

	Address	Email	Phone
Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges			
Barossa Metropolitan Adelaide Adelaide Hills Fleurieu Peninsula	Post & office: 115 Maryvale Road Athelstone 5076	DEW.AMLRBlackHillOffice@sa.gov.au	(08) 7133 7300
Yorke and Mid North			
Southern Flinders Mid North Yorke Peninsula	Post & office: 155 Main North Road Clare 5453	YorkeandMidNorth.NPW@sa.gov.au	(08 8841 3400
Limestone Coast (South East)			
Mt Gambier	Post: PO Box 1046 Mount Gambier 5290 Office: 152 Jubilee Highway East, Mount Gambier	LC.NPWS@sa.gov.au	(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	EPParks@sa.gov.au	(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	DEW.NPWSReferralsKangarooland@sa.gov.au	(08) 8553 4444
Flinders and Outback			
Port Augusta	Post: PO Box 78 Port Augusta, 5700 Office: Level 1, 9 Mackay Street, Port Augusta	DEW.FlindersandOutback@sa.gov.au	(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
Riverland and Murraylands			
Berri	Post: PO Box 231 Berri 5343 Office: 28 Vaughan Terrace Berri, 5343	RM.NPWS@sa.gov.au	(08) 8429 9690
Murray Bridge	Post: PO Box 752 Murray Bridge 5253		
Lameroo	Post: PO Box 21 Lameroo 5302		

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*

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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/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 National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, the Animal Welfare Act 1985, 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 (provide details in 3.2)			
Property name: (if applicable)		Property size: (hectares or km ²)	
Descriptive property address: (road location)			

3.2 Property details		
Hundred e.g. Adelaide	Plan reference include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. D32868	Parcel reference include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. A204, A207-A220
3.3 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"/> 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):	
Part 4: Wildlife causing impacts or damage and requested quantity to be destroyed		
4.1 Species and number on property		
Species common name	Estimate of numbers	Number to be destroyed
Approximate area of property impacted by wildlife (hectares or %):		
Part 5: Impacts or damage and non-lethal actions taken		
5.1 Frequency of wildlife impacts		
<input type="checkbox"/> First occurrence	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:		
5.2 Impacts or damage caused by wildlife. Tick and provide detail to those that apply to your situation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Threatening human safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 or damage

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

If 'No', please explain why:



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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

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

☐ Use of firearm.
Please provide details in the below table/s for the relevant animal/s.
Must comply with the applicable [Code of Practice](#) for humane destruction of wildlife.

☐ 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):

For **destruction of birds** a smooth bore shotgun of .410 is the minimum specification of shotgun
a centrefire rifle in .222Rem or .243Win is the minimum cartridge (for specific birds)

Calibre/Cartridge	Shot size/projectile weight	Species common name

For **destruction of kangaroos** a centrefire rifle in .204R is the minimum cartridge
For **destruction of wallabies** a rimfire rifle in .22LR or a centrefire rifle in .17Rem is the minimum cartridge

Calibre/Cartridge	Projectile weight	Species common name

For **destruction of wombats** a centrefire rifle in .22-250Rem is the minimum cartridge

Calibre/Cartridge	Projectile weight	Species common name

For **destruction of common brushtail possums**
a rimfire rifle in .22 is the minimum cartridge
a shotgun of 12 gauge is the minimum specification of shotgun

Calibre/Cartridge	Shot size/projectile weight

6.2 In the case of fertile eggs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Destroy eggs by breaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Egg oiling	<input type="checkbox"/> Egg pricking
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):		
Part 7: Persons to carry out destruction of wildlife (where the person is not the applicant)		
<p>IMPORTANT: If a Permit to Destroy Wildlife is granted, please be aware that if any person listed below contravenes or fails to comply with any limitation, restriction, condition or provision of the permit, then you (as the permit holder) are also guilty of an offence under the Act. All persons who carry out the destruction of wildlife must comply with the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> and other applicable legislation (e.g. <i>Firearms Act 2015</i>, <i>Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935</i>).</p> <p>Once a permit is granted additional names cannot be added to the permit.</p>		
Full name	Residential address	Holds current firearms licence from firearms category 3 or 5 or 7 or 12(v) or 12(vii)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Part 8: Personal use of kangaroos and wallabies		
<p>The law* may permit the personal use (not sale) of kangaroo and wallaby carcasses (or parts thereof) by the permit holder and persons authorised on the permit to carry out destruction. A yellow tag must be obtained from DEW and attached to each carcass before it can be moved from the property and used.</p> <p>Royalty fee: \$1.65 per animal/tag. *National Parks and Wildlife (Kangaroo Harvesting) Regulations 2018</p>		
I require yellow tags for personal use of kangaroo carcasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Quantity required:
Part 9: Permit duration – maximum 12 months		
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> 9 months <input type="checkbox"/> 12 months
Part 10: Permit delivery method		
<p>If a permit is granted, how would you like to receive the permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Mail*</p> <p>*Do you require a copy of the applicable Code of Practice for the humane destruction of wildlife to be mailed?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please mail me a copy. <input type="checkbox"/> No, I have read and understand the Code of Practice.</p>		
Part 11: Declaration by applicant		<i>Form not valid for use after June 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have read, understand and will comply with the requirements of the applicable Code of Practice for the humane destruction of wildlife (as published on the DEW website). I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate. I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement. 		
Signature of applicant	Dated	

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 is also 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: _____



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