

# DECLARED ANIMAL POLICY

## KANGAROO ISLAND LANDSCAPE BOARD

### Domestic Deer

<b>This policy applies to</b>	All people applying for permits to keep deer on Kangaroo Island
<b>Policy</b>	<p>The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (Landscape Board) requires all owners of deer on Kangaroo Island to have a permit under Section 197 of the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> ('the Act').</p> <p><i>Note that it is the intention of the board to minimise the risk of any deer becoming feral on KI, because of the extensive efforts previously undertaken to eradicate them. Deer will not be permitted to be kept or farmed on Kangaroo Island, except in extenuating circumstances. Keeping deer confined permanently has been shown to be incredibly difficult, and the risk of any escapees becoming feral is high.</i></p> <p><i>Permits for the keeping of domestic deer may only be considered where containment standards are extremely high, and where the benefit of the deer in captivity is for public good, such as for education purposes, as a primary reason. If deer are to be kept in a public education facility, then the facility must have regular opening hours to the public, and extremely high captivity standards. Please contact the Team Leader, Animal and Plant Control to discuss any intention to apply for a permit.</i></p>
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Domestic deer include:</b> A domesticated animal from the Artiodactyla class including the following species:</p> <p><i>Axis axis</i>                      <b>Chital (Axis) Deer</b></p> <p><i>Axis porcinus</i>                <b>Hog Deer</b></p> <p><i>Cervus Canadensis</i>        <b>Wapiti</b></p> <p><i>Cervus elaphus</i>              <b>Red Deer</b></p> <p><i>Cervus timoriensis</i>        <b>Javan Rusa Deer</b></p> <p><i>Cervus unicolour</i>          <b>Sambar</b></p> <p><i>Dama dama</i>                  <b>Fallow Deer</b></p>
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kangaroo Island is protected from the establishment of a feral deer population and the deer-free status of Kangaroo Island is maintained</li> <li>• The environment, industry and the public are protected from damage and hazards caused by feral deer</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To outline under what circumstances, especially in relation to the risk of escape, a deer farm would be considered for a permit</li> <li>• To outline the minimum requirements for the effective confinement of farmed deer, and for a permit to be granted for the establishment of a deer farm.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background</b></p>	<p><b>Impacts</b></p> <p>All species of feral deer pose a threat to agriculture, the environment and public safety in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• damage to native vegetation through browsing and physical destruction</li> <li>• damage to gardens and agricultural industries including crops and vineyards</li> <li>• deer collisions with vehicles</li> <li>• competition with stock for pasture</li> <li>• potential vector of endemic diseases such as Leptospirosis, Yersinosis, Johne’s disease, Cryptosporidiosis and Tuberculosis and a potential reservoir for exotic animal diseases.</li> <li>• damage to infrastructure caused by antlers rubbing</li> <li>• increased levels of illegal hunting</li> <li>• weed dispersal</li> <li>• spread of plant disease such as <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i></li> <li>• impacts to native animal species through disturbance of breeding sites, and,</li> <li>• fouling of water holes.</li> </ul> <p>Deer differ from other livestock species in Australia (apart from goats) because they cannot be excluded from areas without specialised fencing. Restricting the entry of deer to Kangaroo Island will provide a means of minimising the potential threats and impacts these animals could have on Kangaroo Island’s biodiversity, industry and community.</p> <p><b>Deer on Kangaroo Island</b></p> <p>From 2005 to 2013 the Federal and State Governments, and the Invasive Animals CRC spent over \$1.2 million on eradicating fallow deer from Kangaroo Island. The eradication was carried out by Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board staff and supported by Kangaroo Island residents. Most of the feral deer escaped from a deer farm in the</p>

	<p>Western River area in 1999. Escapes were documented from all deer farms on KI. Escapes from deer farms are common, even when they are well managed, due to the difficulty in containing deer species. For this reason, the former NRM Board supported feral deer eradication from the island, and limited the ownership of domestic deer to situations of significant public benefit, where conditions were adequate to ensure no deer could escape into the wild. A change in declaration for deer on Kangaroo Island was gazetted on 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 bringing KI in line with other off shore islands.</p>
<p><b>Legislation</b></p>	<p>Under section <b>185</b> of the Act, deer have been declared as a Category 3 animal on Kangaroo Island, with the following sections of the Act applying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>186 (1,3)</b> Movement of deer within and onto Kangaroo Island prohibited</li> <li>• <b>187 (1)</b> Possession on Kangaroo Island prohibited</li> <li>• <b>188</b> Sale on Kangaroo Island prohibited</li> <li>• <b>189</b> Release on Kangaroo Island prohibited</li> <li>• <b>190</b> Owner must notify the Landscape Board of presence</li> <li>• <b>191 (1)</b> Must confine on Kangaroo Island in accordance with an Authorised Officer instruction in relation to keeping and managing deer</li> <li>• <b>192 (1)</b> Owner of land must take action to destroy</li> </ul> <p><b>Section 197</b> of the Act enables the Board to issue permits to allow for the movement, possession and sale of deer subject to conditions set by the Board.</p>
<p><b>Domestic Deer Permit Conditions</b></p>	<p>Deer cannot be kept, moved within, brought to or sold on Kangaroo Island unless a Permit from the Landscape Board has been obtained under Section 197 of the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board will consider a Permit only if it is satisfied that the applicant can meet all the conditions outlined below.</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdraw a permit if conditions are breached.</li> <li>• A permit holder will be required to comply with any instructions of an authorised officer with respect to the keeping or management of deer under Section 191 (1) of the Landscape SA Act. Penalties of up to \$12,500 apply.</li> </ul> <p>The conditions below are considered necessary to further the objects of the Landscape SA Act and the objectives of the <i>Biosecurity Strategy for Kangaroo Island 2017-2027</i>.</p>

**Permit Duration**

Each Permit will be for 12 months duration and will be renewed following inspection of the fences, log books and handling facilities. Properties will be re-inspected prior to permit renewal. Permits will be re-issued provided that:

- all permit conditions are met
- any issues raised during inspections have been addressed
- an up to date record book has been sighted recording current stock and other details, as indicated under *Record keeping*
- all deer carry an identification tag, with a code that can be linked to the property.

**Situations when a deer farm would be considered**

Deer are regarded as high risk species due to difficulty of containment, and the high cost of eradication once they have escaped due to their elusive habits. Permits will be considered:

- if there is considerable economic benefit to the community (not just one property owner), and;
- when stringent requirements and high quality management and facilities to minimise the risk of escape and establishment of a feral population are in place as outlined below, and;
- in areas that are distant from forestry or bushland which could harbour a feral population.

**Minimum requirements for the issuing of a permit for keeping deer on Kangaroo Island**

Biosecurity Measures

Permits will not be issued to a person who does not meet all the industry standards as outlined in **Australian Deer Industry Code of Practice for the welfare of deer, the State Deer Policy 2019** and the **Animal Welfare Act**. Permits may be issued for the keeping of deer by the Board under Section 197 of the Landscape SA Act.

Deer can only be sold off the island or to another Kangaroo Island deer farm that holds a valid Landscape Board permit for keeping deer.

Deer Numbers

Permit holders must ensure the number of individuals of each species of deer held does not exceed the number of individuals of each species approved on the Deer Permit without the permission of the Landscape Board.

The minimum standards as outlined in the above documents are:

Construction and maintenance of Fencing and Yards

Deer must be kept within double fenced enclosures; fences must be built to ensure there is no possibility for deer to escape:

- constructed (including gates) to a minimum height of 2.4 m from the ground on either side of the fence; and
- constructed (including gates) using pre-fabricated deer mesh attached securely to poles that are a maximum of 8 m apart; and
- have a bottom wire (high tensile, either barbed or not-barbed) that runs through staples on posts, can be tightened as needed, and is attached to the prefabricated deer mesh as low as practical, and no more than 50 mm above ground; and
- have a strainer wire at the top of the fence, attached to the prefabricated deer mesh and posts; and
- maintained (including gates) in a state of good repair in accordance with these specifications, free from any gaps, holes or damage, and kept free from fallen trees or branches.

1. All paddocks containing deer will have an additional peripheral fence (double fenced boundary) at a minimum distance of 5 metres and maximum distance of 10 metres as a safe guard from deer escaping. Note, ringlock, hinge joint or stapling two rolls of prefabricated wire mesh together to meet the required height will not be accepted.
2. The approved fencing and yards must be maintained so that they remain effective at all times in preventing the escape of deer and are safe for the animals, for those attending them and for the public.
3. All boundary fences must be kept clear of trees or branches which may damage the external deer boundary fence
4. All holes under boundary fences and gates must be repaired or blocked with additional deer mesh (or equivalent material).
5. There will be enough paddocks of a size to permit animals of similar age, sex, size and compatibility to be grouped and allow separation of incompatible groups where necessary for example, aggressive behaviour during the rut.
6. All deer, registers and their enclosures and transport vehicles must be available for inspection at all reasonable times by an authorised

	<p>officer.</p> <p><u>Management</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The manager must provide evidence that the deer will be managed by a person familiar with the behaviour of deer and who is competent in their handling and management to safeguard the welfare of the herd and individual animals, and to minimise escape.</li> <li>2. The manager must provide adequate handling facilities. Restraint devices must be designed to suit the species.</li> <li>3. The quality and quantity of the diet of the deer should be adequate to maintain health and meet the requirements for healthy animals and environmental conditions as outlined in the Deer Farming Handbook. This will reduce the chances of deer looking for better pastures outside the enclosure.</li> </ol> <p><u>Identification and Record Keeping</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All deer over 6 months of age must carry a permanent ear tag as well as an ear tattoo or approved microchip which has the deer keeper's Property Identification Code (PIC) recorded on it and individual identification.</li> <li>2. All properties will keep log books which are available to the Authorised Officer at all times and will document the following:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the species, number, sex and acquisition or birth date</li> <li>b. identification numbers on tags or other identification devices</li> <li>c. any distinguishing marks or features</li> <li>d. any supply, sale, theft, escape, or deaths.</li> <li>e. faults and maintenance carried out on boundary fencing</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Owners will be required to preserve and submit tail samples from the deceased animals for verification. Preservation may be by freezing or some other means.</li> <li>4. The Board will request from each permit holder an annual stocktake of the species and number of deer.</li> </ol> <p><u>Movement of Deer</u></p> <p>All deer are to be kept on-site in the approved premises and enclosure/s at all times unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specifically exempted; or</li> <li>2. Moved for emergency veterinary care or on a short-term temporary</li> </ol>
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	<p>basis as may be required by the Animal Welfare Act and due to any welfare emergency e.g. bushfire emergency.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Where deer are moved or transported for veterinary care they must be securely contained and supervised by a responsible person.</li> <li>4. When the deer are being taken off-island.</li> <li>5. Deer will only be moved when accompanied by an Authorised Officer.</li> </ol> <p><u>Disposal of Deer within Kangaroo Island</u></p> <p>Deer must not be released or supplied (sell, loan, hire, exchange or transfer) to another person, within the Kangaroo Island region, without a movement permit being issued by the Board.</p> <p><u>Loss, Theft and Release of Deer</u></p> <p>The permit holder is required to maintain a theft, escape or release management/contingency plan as previously approved by the Board or delegate prior to the issue of the Deer Permit. In the event of a theft, escape or release, the holder of this Deer Permit will activate the plan immediately after the theft, escape or release comes to his or her attention. If any animal should escape, be stolen or lost, the Board must be notified as soon as practical but within 24 hours.</p> <p>The Board may recover from the deer owner, the cost of recapturing or destroying released or escaped domestic deer.</p> <p>In the event of an escape and failure to notify the Board the permit may be cancelled and penalties according to the Act may apply.</p> <p><b>Offences</b></p> <p>The Offence for non compliance with this policy and permit conditions is in accordance with Section 197 of the Landscape SA Act.</p> <p>These are the general conditions, the Board may impose additional or vary the general conditions depending on the circumstance.</p>
<b>Statutory Fees</b>	The fee for applying for and obtaining a Domestic Deer Permit will be in accordance Landscape South Australia General Regulations 2020 which are revised regularly
<b>Responsibilities</b>	The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board, or delegate of the Board, will issue a permit.
<b>General</b>	
<b>Implementation</b>	Responsibility of Authorised Officer

<b>Periodic Review</b>	Responsibility of Authorised Officer
<b>Date Reviewed</b>	Next review date: Jan 2024
<b>Signature</b>	



## Kangaroo Island Landscape Board

### Permit Application Form- Domestic Deer

#### LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA ACT 2019

*Permit to Move, Possess or Sell Category Three Animals (Section 197)*

It is an offence to move, possess or sell deer on Kangaroo Island without a Permit under Section 197 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* issued by the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (Landscape Board). All permit applications will be considered in accordance with the *Declared Animal Policy, Domestic Deer* (attached) as adopted by the Landscape Board.

Permit applications must be submitted to Kangaroo Island Landscape Board, 37 Dauncey Street, (PO Box 39), Kingscote SA, 5223. Attach the applicable fee made payable to the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board.

**Applicant to Complete — please write in BLOCK letters.**

Fee Payable- \$

*\* Denotes mandatory information required.*

*APPLICANT DETAILS		
<b>Title:</b> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify):		
*Name:		
*Company Name: <i>(if applicable)</i>		*ACN: <i>(if body corporate)</i>
*Address:		
*Postal Address: <i>(if different from above)</i>		
*Phone:	*Mobile:	*Fax:
*Email:		



* PROPERTY DETAILS		
*Certificate Title: Vol:		Folio:
*Street No:	*Street/Road:	
*Suburb:		*Postcode:
*Allotment No:		*Plan No:
*Section:		*Hundred:
Property Name:		Rural Property Address Number:
*PROPERTY OWNER DETAILS (if different from applicant)		
Title: Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify):		
*Name:		
Company Name: <i>(if applicable)</i>		ACN: <i>(if body corporate)</i>
*Address:		
*Postal Address: <i>(if different from above)</i>		
*Phone:	Mobile:	Fax:

<b>Email:</b>
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**\* DETAILS OF DEER HERD**

**Please provide a detailed description of the animals (e.g. species, sex, age, numbers, how they are identified and nature of enterprise)**

<b>Species 1</b>	
Number of males	
Age classes	
Number of females	
Age classes	
Number of Juveniles	
Method of identification (e.g. ear tag, tattoo, microchip)	
Nature of enterprise	
<b>Species 2</b>	
Number of males	
Age classes	
Number of females	
Age classes	
Number of Juveniles	
Method of identification	
Nature of enterprise	

Other information or comments	
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**Describe the secure cages or other enclosures in which the animals are to be kept (please attach additional information).**

Fencing material No. horizontal wires/ Height (cm)/ Vertical spacing (cm) <i>(e.g. Deer mesh 17/ 190/ 30 )</i>	
Fence Height (m)	
Post Spacing (m)	
Top and bottom strainer wires	Yes                      No
Terrain (eg sandy, rocky)	
How is fence modified where the terrain is undulating?	
Clear of overhanging timber <i>(please circle)</i>	Yes                      No
Double fence perimeter <i>(please circle)</i>	Yes                      No
Describe general enclosure design and location	
Describe handling facilities	
Other information or comments	

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**Do you have an animal escape plan? Yes/No (If yes, please attach)**

**If no, please outline the actions you will take if an animal escapes or is inadvertently released.**

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**\* OTHER APPROVALS**

**It is necessary to contact PIRSA Biosecurity and your local council to check if additional approval to keep deer is required.**

**What, if any, approvals do you or your company have from other State or Local Government agencies to undertake the proposed enterprise?**

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

<b>Date received:</b>		<b>Ref No:</b>		<b>Payment enclosed:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>File No:</b>		<b>Document No:</b>			
<b>Council Area:</b>		<b>Additional Info Required:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Receipt number</b>	
<b>Nature of Deer Enterprise</b>					
<i>Species</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Use (commercial, exhibition, pet)</i>	
<b>Enclosure/Fencing Inspection undertaken:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>Application Acknowledgement Sent:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Approved:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Decision Notification Sent:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

**\* DECLARATION / SIGNATURE**

**NOTE:** The **applicant** must complete **ONLY ONE** of the following:

**I/We declare that the information that has been provided on this application is true and correct.**

**SIGNED:**

**1. Where the applicant is an individual or two or more persons**

Signature:

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Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

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Name:

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Date:

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**2. Where the applicant is a Company or an Incorporated Association**

**EITHER The seal of**

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**(Name of Company or Incorporated Association)**

**WAS HEREBY AFFIXED IN THE PRESENCE OF**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR A person or persons duly authorised to sign for and on behalf of**

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**(Name of Company or Incorporated Association)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:**

- Please remember to include:
- Signed application form
  - Details of enclosure construction
  - Escape plan
  - Application fee

**Return application and payment to:**

Attn: Animal and Plant Control  
Kangaroo Island Landscape Board  
37 Dauncey Street  
Kingscote SA 5223



**Enquiries:**

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