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1. About the program

Kangaroo numbers are very high because of successive good seasons. The subsequent drought conditions mean high numbers of kangaroos can cause severe impacts on crops, pasture, and native vegetation.

These guidelines outline support for primary producers to remove western grey kangaroos, red kangaroos, eastern grey kangaroos, euros and tamar wallabies, all of which are referred to as “kangaroos” throughout these guidelines.

PIRSA leads this project in partnership with Landscape Boards, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and industry stakeholders.

The program will start on 31 October 2025 and will run until the funding is exhausted.

2. Financial incentives and how they work

A total of \$900,000 is available via grants and incentives to existing and new field harvesters to assist with operating costs and are not the subject of these guidelines.

A total of \$350,000 is available for this initiative to provide incentives for primary producers, to remove starving kangaroos. These incentives are the subject of these guidelines. Under this incentive, PIRSA is paying primary producers:

- \$7 (GST exclusive) financial incentive for each humanely shot kangaroo in South Australia.

The maximum number of kangaroos that can be shot by primary producers is set by the Permit to Destroy Wildlife, which is issued by the Department for Environment and Water. PIRSA will only pay incentives for kangaroo shot under a Permit to Destroy Wildlife.

This program intends to offer rapid support to impacted primary producers. The incentives are available until the funding is exhausted.

The application form for a Permit to Destroy Wildlife is [here](#):

<https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/environment/docs/Permit-to-Destroy-Wildlife-application-form.pdf>

More information about the Permit to Destroy Wildlife is [here](#):

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits/destroy>

If a primary producer shoots all the kangaroos under a Permit to Destroy Wildlife, the primary producer can apply to the Department for Environment and Water for another permit.

Primary producers are not required to purchase tags for “personal use of carcasses or skins” to receive these incentives. If primary producers want to use the kangaroo carcass or skins, they need to order tags for “personal use of carcasses or skins” when they are applying for their Permit to Destroy Wildlife.

3. Eligibility

Any South Australian primary producer can access these incentives, provided they hold a valid Permit to Destroy Wildlife (under which at least 100 kangaroos or wallabies can be shot) from the Department for Environment and Water. Each claim for incentives must be for at least 100 kangaroos or wallabies.

Primary producers who have a valid Permit to Destroy Wildlife (under which at least 100 kangaroos or wallabies can be shot), can access the incentive immediately. Other primary producers need to apply for and receive a Permit to Destroy Wildlife (kangaroos or wallabies) for at least 100 kangaroos or wallabies before they can access the incentive.

4. Eligibility criteria

Primary producers

Any South Australian primary producer can access this incentive, provided they hold a valid Permit to Destroy Wildlife (kangaroos or wallabies) from the Department for Environment and Water. Incentives are only available to primary producers who comply with permit requirements.

Primary producers can apply to have other people listed on the Permit to Destroy Wildlife, but only the primary producer (i.e the permit holder) can invoice PIRSA and be paid the incentives.

Primary producers or their agents will need to have:

- Equipment for shooting and spotlighting
- A centre-fire rifle with a scope and high-quality components and factory loaded ammunition. A scope with variable power and a large front lens is recommended for working at night
- Spray paint to individually mark kangaroos
- Have knowledge of the areas they will be working
- Appropriate Work Health and Safety policies and procedures
- Appropriate licences and equipment, including firearm licence, current driver's licence
- Be prepared for working in remote environments and equipped to do so (e.g., possess satellite phones and other communication devices that are suitable for remote environments)
- Have biosecurity management plans for cleaning their vehicle
- Have written permission, where required, to access the property where they are working.
- Be named on the Permit to Destroy Wildlife (kangaroos or wallabies) from the Department for Environment and Water.

Primary producers and their agents must:

- Comply with the [Firearms Act 2015](#)
- Comply with the [Animal Welfare Act 1985](#)
- Comply with the [National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-Commercial Purposes](#). If primary producers submit photos showing inhumane practices, they risk prosecution.
- To claim financial incentives for kangaroos that are shot, primary producers must:
 - Neatly spray paint a four-digit number (using road marker spray paint supplied by primary producers) on the LEFT side of the kangaroo. For numbers that are less than 1,000, there will need to be zeros ahead of the number (for example 0031).
 - Ensure the number is clear. If the painted number is not visible (for example if the kangaroo is wet, and the paint does not stick), the financial incentive will not be paid.
 - Ensure that numbers are sequential, if not the financial incentive will not be paid.
 - Take a picture using a phone camera or tablet camera that is set up to automatically embed GPS locations on each photo, and which works without phone connectivity. Each picture must have the following information embedded in the metadata of the picture:
 - Time
 - Date
 - Location (through locations services built into phone/tablet)
 - Click on these links to watch a short video on how to ensure the location is embedded in each photo you take with your phone:
 - Samsung: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgrGJ6kLHKg>
 - Android: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/WDsJScWD4Tk>
 - Apple: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nXEfHv-5Xw>
 - Ensure each picture clearly shows the unique number on each kangaroo (see example below).
 - Ensure each picture is taken from the side of the kangaroo's legs. Only the left side of the kangaroo will be in the picture, so the number will be the right way up in the picture (see example below).



- Have enough spray paint. If a primary producer runs out of paint, they will not be paid financial incentives for kangaroos that are shot and not painted.

- Financial incentives will only be paid for kangaroos that have been recently and humanely shot, with signs of fresh blood, but no signs of bloating.
- When at least 100 kangaroos have been shot, primary producers must provide PIRSA:
 - Copy of their Permit to Destroy Wildlife
 - Photos of each culled kangaroo
 - Invoice for the number of kangaroos shot.
- PIRSA will check each claim and pay invoices promptly.
- PIRSA staff will provide updates and training to primary producers as required.

5. Ineligibility

Incentives are not available for kangaroos that are not shot in accordance with the [National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-Commercial Purposes](#).

Primary producers can apply to have other people listed on the Permit to Destroy Wildlife, but only primary producers can invoice PIRSA and upload images to PIRSA.

Recreational shooters, contract shooters, commercial field processors and shooting associations are not eligible for this financial incentive unless they are listed on a primary producer's Permit to Destroy Wildlife.

6. How to apply

Register your interest in this incentive by emailing pirsa.kangaroodroughtproject@sa.gov.au. Information will be emailed to you on what you need to provide to PIRSA so you can access the incentive.

How will payments be made?

Primary producers who have expressed interest in the incentives for kangaroos can invoice PIRSA once they have shot the minimum number (100) of kangaroos.

Primary producers will need to upload all photos of kangaroos that were shot to a website, a link to which will be provided by PIRSA. If these requirements are not met, payments will not be made.

There will be no further payments once the funding for this program is exhausted. This may mean that some primary producers may not be paid the incentive because their invoice was received after the date funding is exhausted.

When primary producers upload their photos, they also need to email an invoice and a copy of their Permit to Destroy Wildlife to PIRSA pirsa.kangaroodroughtproject@sa.gov.au indicating how many kangaroos have been humanely shot aligned to this permit. The number of kangaroos that have been humanely shot must not exceed the number of kangaroos that are permitted to be shot.

PIRSA does not require information on the species of kangaroo, nor their weight nor their gender.

The total invoice value should indicate the number of kangaroos and \$7 (GST exclusive) for each kangaroo.

PIRSA will verify the amounts claimed on the invoice against the number of photos and the requirements for photos.

Invoices will not be paid until PIRSA receives the photos and necessary information.

7. What will happen to the photos I provide to PIRSA?

PIRSA will use the photos to confirm locations where the kangaroos were shot.

If requested by DEW, PIRSA will share the photos of culled kangaroos with DEW. DEW will then check the humaneness and locations where the kangaroos were shot to ensure all requirements are being met.

8. What species of kangaroos can be shot under a Permit to Destroy Wildlife?

Permits to Destroy Wildlife can be issued for the following species:

- Western grey kangaroos
- Red kangaroos
- Eastern grey kangaroos
- Euros
- Tamar wallabies

9. Assessment and approval process

The program will be administered by PIRSA on behalf of the Government of South Australia. All assessments of applications and payments will be managed in accordance with these Guidelines.

Applicants will be expected to provide relevant evidence, as indicated by these Guidelines, to demonstrate the eligibility criteria have been met.

To assist in assessing applications and to verify information provided, PIRSA reserves the right to request further information from any business or individual you, the applicant, have engaged.

10. Fraudulent claims

By applying to be part of this program, you are declaring that the information provided by you and any supporting documentation are true, accurate and not misleading about a material fact.

Providing inaccurate, untrue, or misleading information may exclude your application from further consideration or require repayment of grant funding.

11. Disclaimers

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The South Australian Government reserves the right in their absolute discretion to amend the guidelines without notice or discontinuing the program.

12. Assurance and acquittal

For assurance purposes, the SA Government agency may, at any time, request documentation from funding recipients.