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# KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

## THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2025

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## 1. Annual Quota

### 1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and conducted in accordance with the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to set a yearly quota. The quota is the maximum number of kangaroos that can be harvested commercially and under damage mitigation permits across Victoria. In October 2025, the Secretary of DEECA decided to reduce the annual quota from 106,750 to 94,700. This change was made so that kangaroo control remains at sustainable levels following a higher-than-predicted number of Authority to Control Wildlife authorisations being issued throughout 2025. These changes are reflected in table below. Available quota is released quarterly, where quota is not fully allocated, it can be carried over into the following quarter.

#### 1.1.1 Table 1 - Quarterly quota

2025 Quarterly Quota					
Zone	Quota Q1	Quota Q2	Quota Q3	Revised Quota Q4	Revised Total annual quota
Gippsland	4,500	3,500	2,500	0	10,500
Hume	14,000	10,000	8,000	0	32,000
Loddon-Mallee	9,000	7,000	5,000	0	21,000
Grampians	6,950	6,050	5,000	4,700	22,700
Barwon Southwest	3,500	2,500	2,000	500	8,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,950</b>	<b>29,050</b>	<b>22,500</b>	5,200	94,700



## 2. Quota allocation

### 2.1 Overview

- Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2026), for 2025, there are currently 130 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program.
- From July to September (inclusive) 2025, 25,430 tags were allocated across the state, this equates to 78.5% of the 32,380 tags available for Quarter Three.
- Of the tags that were allocated in Quarter Three, 13,985 quarter 3 tags have been consumed (55%).

#### 2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2025 Quarter Three Consumption Figures					
Zone	Quota available in Q3 <sup>1</sup>	Quota allocated in Q3	Unallocated Q3 Quota	Q3 Quota consumed during Q3	Harvesters who received allocations <sup>2</sup>
Gippsland	2,730	2,730	0	590	19
Hume	16,250	11,150	5,100	6,422	37
Loddon-Mallee	6,400	6,400	0	4,911	20
Grampians	5,000	3,150	1,850	786	24
Barwon Southwest	2,000	2,000	0	1,276	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,380</b>	<b>25,430</b>	<b>7,950</b>	<b>13,985</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Includes available tags not allocated in Q1 & Q2

<sup>2</sup>Harvesters can operate across more than one zone



**2.1.2 Table 3 - Monthly consumption figures**

Zone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Gippsland	487	707	661	353	799	936	647	733	589				
Hume	1,172	1,564	2,074	1,302	1,847	2,291	2,875	2,737	3,501				
Loddon-Mallee	776	1,961	2,136	1,333	1,623	1,946	2,296	2,357	2,535				
Grampians	1,597	1,462	1,376	2,029	1,721	1,369	208	463	460				
Barwon South West	468	880	1,069	807	500	830	705	562	405				
<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>7,316</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>6,490</b>	<b>7,372</b>	<b>6,731</b>	<b>6,852</b>	<b>7,490</b>				<b>59,149</b>

<sup>3</sup>Total monthly consumption figures may slightly vary from the previous published quarterly reports due to data upload times and reconciliation



### 3. Harvest Information

#### 3.1 Overview

- Harvesters enter harvest summaries via a mobile phone application hosted by the Department of Government Services at the completion of each harvest job.
- As the harvest summary figures are self-reported, there may be discrepancies between the reported figures and the actual figures due to memory bias.

##### 3.1.1 Table 4 - Harvest summary figures per zone

	2025 Quarter Three Harvest Information		
Zone	Western Grey	Female	Dependent young
Gippsland	0	694	534
Hume	0	2,802	2,273
Loddon-Mallee	0	2,692	2,445
Grampians	632	413	395
Barwon South West	1	460	396
<b>Total</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>6,043</b>



## 4. Compliance figures

### 4.1 Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2025 KHP Compliance Plan. This Plan sets out the five compliance priorities, these being:

- Priority 1 – Harvester Competency
- Priority 2 – Animal welfare
- Priority 3 – Sustainability
- Priority 4 – Authorisations
- Priority 5 – Public Safety

#### 4.1.1 Table 5 - Compliance summary data

2025 Quarter Three Compliance Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	26
Number of Authorisations issued	9
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	1400+ <sup>4</sup>
Percentage of active harvesters subject to programmed in-field audits	5%
Number of investigations	1 (and 2 ongoing)
Number of offences substantiated	1
Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled	1

<sup>4</sup> Daily checks of all returned data were conducted between 1 July - 30 September 2025.



**4.1.2 Table 6 - 2025 Monthly audit statistics**

Zone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Gippsland	16	13	15	9	7	8	40	47	36				
Hume	12	28	9	6	14	20	201	195	210				
Loddon-Mallee	9	15	14	8	8	13	171	181	177				
Grampians	39	34	11	9	3	13	13	33	30				
Barwon South West	10	17	12	8	0	17	45	31	22				
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>71+</b>	<b>470+<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>487+<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>475+<sup>5</sup></b>				

<sup>5</sup> Daily checks of all returned data were conducted between 1 July - 30 September 2025.