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KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

QUARTER TWO REPORT 2024

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1. Annual Quota

1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and administered in accordance with the Victorian Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change Action (DECCA) 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. The commercial quota for the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2024, was set at 155,650, however, this figure was reduced by DECCA in June 2024 to 142,350. Quota is released in four batches, at the start of every quarter. Where quota is not fully allocated, it can be carried over into the following quarter.

Zone	Quota Quarter 1	Quota Quarter 2	Quota Quarter 3 (adjusted)	Quota Quarter 4 (adjusted)	Total Allocation 2024 (adjusted)
Central	16,000	16,000	11,900	11,900	55,800
Gippsland	3,500	3,400	2,475	2,475	11,850
Lower Wimmera	10,000	10,000	8,600	8,600	37,200
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0
North East	2,250	2,000	975	975	6,200
Otway	4,050	4,000	2,950	2,950	13,950
Upper Wimmera	4,800	4,800	3,875	3,875	17,350
Total	40,600	40,200	30,775	30,775	142,350

1.1.1 Table 1 - Annual quota and allocation



2. Quota allocation

2.1 Overview

- Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2027), for 2024, there are currently 121 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program
- From April to June 2024, 28,480 tags were released across the state which equates to 57% of the 50,330 tags available for Quarter Two (includes carry over from Quarter One) and 20% of the adjusted annual 142,350 tags available.
- Of the tags that were released in Quarter Two, 21,951 have been consumed.

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2024 Quarter Two Figures					
Zone	Quarter two quota available	Quarter two quota released	Quarter two quota remaining	Quarter two quota consumed	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Central	22,500	11,560	10,940	8,764	35
Gippsland	3,400	3,030	370	1,677	15
Lower Wimmera	11,600	7,640	3,960	6,446	29
Mallee	0	0	0	0	N/A
North East	2,000	1,430	0	1,466	14
Otway	4,000	3,520	550	2,521	18
Upper Wimmera	7,330	1,300	5,830	1,077	8
Total	50,330	28,480	21,650	21,951	N/A

¹ 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
Central	1,735	1,502	2,033	2,330	3,035	3,399							14,034
Gippsland	273	659	525	384	543	750							3,134
Lower Wimmera	1,066	1,424	1,568	1,761	2,251	2,164							10,504
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
North East	609	267	576	481	365	620							2,918
Otway	350	537	390	950	707	864							3,798
Upper Wimmera	168	145	177	274	463	340							1,567
Total²	4,201	4,534	5,269	6,180	7,634	8,137							35,955

²Total 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

2024 Quarter Two Figures			
Harvest Zone	Western Grey	Female	Young at foot
Central	0	3,065	2,648
Gippsland	0	628	487
Lower Wimmera	436	1,998	1,858
Mallee	0	0	0
North-East	0	526	454
Otway	0	976	649
Upper Wimmera	195	182	202
Total	631	7,375	6,298



4. Compliance figures

4.1 Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2023 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

2024 Quarter One Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	8
Number of Authorisations issued	6
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	262
Percentage of active harvesters ³ subject to programmed in-field audits	
Number of investigations	2
Number of offences substantiated	0
Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled	0

³An active harvester under the approved 2024 KHP Compliance Plan is defined as a harvester who is active throughout the previous four quarters.



4.1.2 Table 6 - 2024 monthly audit statistics

Zone	Jan ⁴	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Central	-	190	45	31	69	41							376
Gippsland	-	45	7	4	6	2							64
Lower Wimmera	-	95	33	22	27	12							189
Mallee	-	0	0	0	0	0							0
North East	-	34	7	3	10	1							55
Otway	-	34	4	9	5	12							64
Upper Wimmera	-	13	4	1	5	2							25
All Zones – Group ⁵	113												113
Total	113	411	100	70	122	70							886

⁴ Audits are not undertaken in January or the start of each quarter, as all harvesters are audited prior to being issued with tags