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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 Victorian Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change Action (DEECA) to set a yearly quota. The quota is the maximum number of Eastern Grey Kangaroos (EGK) and Western Grey Kangaroos (WGK) that can be harvested commercially and controlled through damage mitigation permits (known as Authority to Control Wildlife permits, or ATCW permits) across Victoria. The commercial quota for the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2025, was set at 106,750.

In September 2025, DEECA reduced the annual quota to 97,400 by removing all Quarter 4 allocations from the Hume, Gippsland and Loddon Mallee zones, and reducing available quota in the Barwon South West zone. In addition, all tags issued after June in the Grampians zone were designated to be used on WGK only. These changes were made due to a higher-than-predicted number of ATCW permits being issued throughout 2025 and are reflected in table below.

Available quota was released quarterly. Where quota was not fully allocated, it was carried over into the following quarter.

1.1.1 Table 1 - Annual and quarterly quotas

2025 Quarterly Quotas					
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 South West	3,500	2,500	2,000	500	8,500
Total	37,950	29,050	22,500	5,200	94,700



2. Quota allocation and usage

2.1 Overview

- At the end of 2025, there were 156 harvesters authorised under the Program.
- A total of 88,425 tags were allocated which is 93.4% of the annual tags available (94,700). Quarterly allocation was as follows: Quarter 1 - 31,964 tags; Quarter 2 - 29,050 tags; Quarter 3 - 22,500 tags; and Quarter 4 - 5,200 tags.
- Of the total tags that were allocated, 76,363 (86.4%) were reported to be consumed.
- Outside of the KHP, a total of 174,022 kangaroos (157,678 EGK and 16,344 WGK) were controlled through the ATCW system.
- This is likely due to favourable conditions in recent years, resulting in increases in kangaroo abundance, followed by the drought conditions experienced in 2025. Drought pushes more kangaroos on to pasture, crops and onfarm water sources leading to increased impacts from kangaroos

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2025 Annual Figures					
Zone	Annual quota	Total quota allocated	Quota remaining	Total quota consumed	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Gippsland	10,500	10,450	0	8,061	44
Hume	32,000	31,960	0	28,651	65
Loddon-Mallee	21,000	20,931	0	18,933	39
Grampians	22,700	16,654	6,046 (WGK)	13,289	54
Barwon South West	8,500	8,430	50 (WGK)	7,429	38
Total	94,700	88,425	6,096	76,363	

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
Gippsland	487	707	661	353	800	936	647	733	589	880	514	754	8,061
Hume	1,172	1,564	2,086	1,302	1,847	2,291	2,875	2,737	3,500	4,027	3,219	2,031	28,651
Loddon-Mallee	776	1,961	2,139	1,333	1,623	1,946	2,296	2,326	2,535	608	798	592	18,933
Grampians	1,597	1,462	1,376	2,029	1,721	1,369	208	463	460	793	646	1,165	13,289
Barwon South West	468	880	1,069	807	500	830	705	562	405	263	452	488	7,429
Total²	4,500	6,574	7,331	5,824	6,491	7,372	6,731	6,821	7,489	6,571	5,629	5,030	76,363

²Total monthly consumption figures may slightly vary from previously 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 zone³

Harvest Zone	Western Grey	Female % of harvest	Dependent Young
Gippsland	0	38.2%	2,281
Hume	0	31.7%	7,252
Loddon-Mallee	0	37.9%	6,332
Grampians	2,683	37.2%	4,330
Barwon South West	67	31.8%	1,941
Total	2,750	34.9%	22,136

³Total reported harvest figures may slightly vary from previously published quarterly reports due to data upload times and reconciliation



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 Annual Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	28 complete applications 31 incomplete applications
Number of Authorisations issued	28
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	2,874
Percentage of active harvesters ⁴ subject to programmed in-field audits	75% ⁵
Number of investigations	5
Number of offences substantiated	4
Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled	1

⁴An active harvester under the approved 2025 KHP Compliance Plan is defined as a harvester who is active throughout the previous four quarters.

⁵ The changes to quota allocations throughout the year and the removal of quota in three Harvest Zones for Quarter 4 impacted the eligibility for, and the opportunity to conduct in-field audits.



4.1.2 Table 6 - 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	47	26	35	299
Hume	12	28	9	6	14	20	201	195	210	257	202	138	1,292
Loddon-Mallee	9	15	14	8	8	13	171	181	177	51	47	39	733
Grampians	39	34	11	9	3	13	13	33	30	42	36	52	315
Barwon South West	10	17	12	8	0	17	45	31	22	18	29	26	235
Total	86	107	61	40	32	71	470	487	475	415	340	290	2,874