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KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

QUARTER THREE 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 (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. The commercial quota for the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2024, was set at 155,650, however, this figure was reduced by DEECA in June 2024 to 142,350. On 25 September 2024, DEECA further reduced the quota to 11,175 removing all Quarter 4 allocations. 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	0	43,900
Gippsland	3,500	3,400	2,475	0	9,375
Lower Wimmera	10,000	10,000	8,600	0	28,600
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0
North East	2,250	2,000	975	0	5,225
Otway	4,050	4,000	2,950	0	11,000
Upper Wimmera	4,800	4,800	3,875	0	13,475
Total	40,600	40,200	30,775	0	111,575

1.1.1 Table 1 - Annual quota and allocation



2. Quota allocation

2.1 Overview

- Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2027), for Q3 2024, there are currently 123 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program
- From July to September 2024, 25,535 tags were released across the state which equates to 49% of the 52,625 tags available for Quarter Three (includes carry over from Quarter One, and Quarter Two) and 18% of the adjusted annual 142,350 tags available.
- Of the tags that were released in Quarter Three, 22,536 have been consumed.

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2024 Quarter Three Figures					
Zone	Quarter three quota available (Includes carry overs)	Quarter three quota released	Quarter three quota remaining	Quarter three quota consumed	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Central	22,840	10,450	12,390	9,376	31
Gippsland	2,845	2,010	835	1,808	11
Lower Wimmera	12,560	7,050	5,510	5,905	30
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0
North East	975	975	0	897	0
Otway	3,500	3,500	0	3409	16
Upper Wimmera	9,905	1,550	8,355	1,141	11
Total	50,330	25,535	21,650	22,536	99

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	2,813	3,307	3,067				
Gippsland	273	659	525	384	543	750	519	803	465				
Lower Wimmera	1,066	1,424	1,568	1,761	2,251	2,164	1,974	1,989	1,880				
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
North East	609	267	576	481	365	620	285	383	224				
Otway	350	537	390	950	707	864	1,313	875	1,190				
Upper Wimmera	168	145	177	274	463	340	246	502	344				
Total²	4,201	4,534	5,269	6,180	7,634	8,137	7,150	7,859	7,170				

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 Three Figures			
Harvest Zone	Western Grey	Female	Young at foot
Central	0	3,033	2,803
Gippsland	0	755	545
Lower Wimmera	248	1,824	1,718
Mallee	0	0	0
North-East	0	202	169
Otway	0	1,389	1,028
Upper Wimmera	259	322	383
Total	507	7,525	6,646



4. Compliance figures

4.1 Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2024 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 Three Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	5
Number of Authorisations issued	3
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	155
Percentage of active harvesters ³ subject to programmed in-field audits	(TBA for annual report)
Number of investigations	6
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	32	23	22				
Gippsland	-	45	7	4	6	2	2	2	1				
Lower Wimmera	-	95	33	22	27	12	8	17	7				
Mallee	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
North East	-	34	7	3	10	1	2	3	2				
Otway	-	34	4	9	5	12	13	11	8				
Upper Wimmera	-	13	4	1	5	2	2	3	9				
All Zones – Group ⁵	113												
Total	113	411	100	70	122	70	59	47	49				

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