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KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

FOURTH 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 (known as Authority to Control Wildlife 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 permits 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
Total	37,950	29,050	22,500	5,200	94,700



2. Quota allocation

2.1 Overview

- Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2026), for 2025, there are currently 156 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program.
- From October to December (inclusive), 6,730 tags were allocated across the state, this equates to 53.8% of the 12,516 tags available for Quarter Four.
- Of the tags that were allocated in Quarter Four, 5,590 tags were consumed (83.1%).

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2025 Quarter Four Consumption Figures					
Zone	Quota available in Q4 ¹	Quota allocated in Q4 ²	Unallocated Q4 Quota	Q4 Quota consumed during Q4	Harvesters who received allocations ³
Gippsland	0	50	0	26	1
Hume	5100	5,160	0	4,602	24
Loddon-Mallee	0	200	0	198	3
Grampians	6,916	870	6,046 (WGK specific)	644	4
Barwon South West	500	450	50 (WGK specific)	120	2
Total	12,516	6,730	6,096	5,590	

¹Includes available tags not allocated in Q1, Q2 and Q3

²Where Q4 quota allocated exceeds Q4 quota available, this is a result of previously allocated tags being reallocated, not an increase in overall allocations

³Harvesters 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
Total⁴	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

⁴Total 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 Four Harvest Information			
Zone	Western Grey Kangaroos	Female	Dependent young
Gippsland	0	849	574
Hume	0	3,265	2,267
Loddon-Mallee	0	821	657
Grampians	1,848	1,148	1,043
Barwon South West	58	359	277
Total	1,906	6,442	4,818



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 Four Compliance Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	14
Number of Authorisations issued	14
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	1,045
Percentage of active harvesters subject to programmed in-field audits	40%
Number of investigations	1
Number of offences substantiated	1
Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled	0



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	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