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KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

QUARTER FOUR 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 the Authority to Control Wildlife system. The commercial quota for the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2024, was set at 155,650, however, this figure was reduced in June 2024 to 142,350. On 25 September 2024, the quota was further reduced to 111,575 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.

1.1.1 Table 1 - Annual quota

Zone	Quota Quarter 1	Quota Quarter 2	Quota Quarter 3 (adjusted)	Quota Quarter 4 (adjusted)	Total Quota 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



2. Quota allocation

2.1 Overview

- Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2027), for Quarter Four 2024, there are currently 130 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program.
- From October to December 2024, 15,955 tags were released across the state which equates to 59% of the 27,090 tags available for Quarter Four (being carry over from Quarter One, Quarter Two and Quarter Three) and 15% of the adjusted annual 111,575 tags available.
- Quota consumed in Quarter Four totaled 22,354.

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2024 Quarter Four Figures					
Zone	Quota available (Includes carry overs)	Quota released (carry over)	Quota unallocated	Quota consumed	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Central	12,390	9,085	3,305	10,221	17
Gippsland	835	360	475	1,961	5
Lower Wimmera	5,510	5,510	0	7,400	16
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0
North East	0	0	0	413	0
Otway	0	0	0	1,128	0
Upper Wimmera	8,355	1,000	7,355	1,231	7
Total	27,090	15,955	11,135	22,354	45

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	1,737	1,504	2,036	2,381	3,096	3,425	3,014	3,319	3,068	3,503	3,435	3,283	33,801
Gippsland	273	659	525	384	543	750	540	803	465	470	656	835	6,903
Lower Wimmera	1,066	1,424	1,568	1,829	2,521	2,190	2,036	1,989	1,881	2,368	2,567	2,465	23,904
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North East	609	267	576	487	369	627	290	384	224	81	115	217	4,246
Otway	350	537	390	957	707	876	1,344	875	1,190	621	169	338	8,354
Upper Wimmera	168	145	177	274	476	340	295	502	344	461	148	622	3,952
Total²	4,203	4,536	5,272	6,312	7,712	8,208	7,519	7,872	7,172	7,504	7,090	7,760	81,160

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 Four Figures			
Harvest Zone	Western Grey	Female	Dependent Young
Central	0	3,667	3,093
Gippsland	0	794	545
Lower Wimmera	103	2,660	2,327
Mallee	0	0	0
North-East	0	124	81
Otway	0	427	315
Upper Wimmera	128	408	472
Total	231	8,080	6,833



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 Four Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	7
Number of Authorisations issued	3
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	213
Number of active harvesters ³ subject to programmed in-field audits	6 of 58 (or 10.34%)
Number of investigations	7
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	15	23	31	522
Gippsland	-	45	7	4	6	2	2	2	1	13	4	18	104
Lower Wimmera	-	95	33	22	27	12	8	17	7	23	21	23	288
Mallee	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North East	-	34	7	3	10	1	2	3	2	0	1	8	71
Otway	-	34	4	9	5	12	13	11	8	5	4	18	123
Upper Wimmera	-	13	4	1	5	2	2	3	9	0	1	5	45
Total	-	411	100	70	122	70	59	59	49	56	54	103	1,153

⁴ Audits are not undertaken in January or the start of each quarter, as all harvesters are audited prior to being issued with tags. Audits are undertaken on each harvester applying for tags in January prior to issuing tags, to ensure tag allocations per KHP business rules.