



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

# Landholder's licence to harm native animals application form

A biodiversity conservation licence

Complete this form to apply for a Landholder's licence to harm native animals under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. This licence allows authorised persons to control protected native animals if shown to be causing a serious threat to safety, property damage or economic hardship on a property. Harm may include trap and euthanase, catch and release, or kill. Applying for Landholder licence to harm should be a last resort and longer-term, non-lethal solutions should be investigated and implemented where possible. Animals permitted to be harmed under this licence are listed in the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* Schedule 5 (protected animals). All details must be completed by the applicant before sending this form to the local National Parks and Wildlife office for assessment.

- Use a different form for kangaroos, wallaroos and some types of wallaby, and for flying-foxes.
- If engaging a commercial operator holding a current Catch and release possum licence, a Landholder licence to harm native animals is not required for the catch and release of a possum from a premises.

## The applicant is required to:

- Ensure administrative tasks are complete and submitted as required, including all application details, record keeping, reporting and notifying National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) of any changes to information provided in this application. Previous licence holders who have not submitted the licence record sheet may not be granted a new licence.
- Check details entered for a person nominated for authority to harm on the applicant's behalf. If applying for a licence to harm (shoot), submit a copy of firearms licence for the person nominated to shoot.
- Submit details with this application if an applicant or nominee has answered 'yes' to Q1 and /or Q2 in sections 2 and/or 4. Note: answering yes does not automatically preclude an applicant from receiving a licence.
- Submit a Local Land Services (LLS) rates notice and a map of the property to verify property owner, size and address if this is the first time you have applied for a biodiversity conservation licence for this property, or the property boundaries have recently changed. Additional information may also be required by the officer assessing this application.

## 1. Purpose of application

<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a new Licence	<input type="checkbox"/> Extend or vary a current Licence	<input type="checkbox"/> Update details
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List the native animals presenting a threat to safety, property damage or economic hardship and estimate the total number present and the number requested to be harmed to reduce the impact.

Species (common name)			
Estimated number on the property		Number requested to be harmed	
Proposed method of harm	<input type="checkbox"/> Trap and euthanase	<input type="checkbox"/> Catch and release	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoot (firearms)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Egg and/or nest removal	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	

## 2. Applicant details

For the property detailed in this application, you are (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> the owner	<input type="checkbox"/> an occupier (includes manager)	<input type="checkbox"/> the owner/occupier
Company name (if applicable)			
Full name			
Date of birth			
Postal address			
Contact phone (daytime)			
Email			
Firearms licence number			
Firearms licence expiry date		Firearms category	
If you have previously held a Landholder licence to harm, state the licence number			
Start date		End date	
<b>Q1</b> Have you been investigated or convicted of an offence in the last 10 years in relation to any law concerning the protection, conservation or management of native species or ecological communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	
<b>Q2</b> Have you had a biodiversity conservation licence or similar permit suspended or cancelled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	

## 3. Property details

Property name	
Property street address	
For rural properties, give the name of nearest cross-roads and their distance	
Size of property (hectares)	
Estimate percentage of property affected	

Select the predominant land use on the property.

<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial cropping	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobby farm	<input type="checkbox"/> School
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial orchard	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> Defence	<input type="checkbox"/> Private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> Public reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial premises
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify the land use)	

Select from the following to describe the impacts the protected native animals has had to property and/or safety.

<input type="checkbox"/> Hazard to aircraft or vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/> Competition for pasture and/or water points
<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive animal threatening human safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Damage to property e.g. fence, infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Disease or human health management	<input type="checkbox"/> Causing erosion
<input type="checkbox"/> Damage to crops (specify the crop)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify the reason)	

## Methods of control

Examples of long-term solutions may include exclusion netting, floppy-top or other fencing, scare devices, gating, shelter, olfactory devices, blocking entrances into a roof cavity or chimney, roosting areas made undesirable or changing the way something is done to avoid conflict. Also see [Living with native animals](#).

What methods have you tried to control the protected native animal on your property?	
How long did you use this method for?	
Why is this method no longer a satisfactory control?	

## 4. Application for a General licence to harm

Complete the application for a General licence to harm if a person other than the Landholder is required to carry out the authorised harm on the property. This Licence is required as part of the Landholder licence to harm native animals, is site specific and will be issued by the local NPWS Area office for the same period as the Landholder Licence. Professional pest management operators with a non-site-specific Licence issued by [NPWS Wildlife Team](#) and renewed annually may be used for some situations. For more information see [catch and release licences](#).

Company name (if applicable)			
Nominated person's name			
Date of birth			
Postal address			
Contact phone (daytime)			
Email			
Firearms licence number (if applicable)			
Firearms licence expiry date		Firearms category	
If you have held or currently hold a biodiversity conservation licence, such as a General licence, state the most recent licence number			
Start date		End date	
<b>Q1</b> Have you been investigated or convicted of an offence in the last 10 years in relation to any law concerning the protection, conservation or management of native species or ecological communities?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No.
<b>Q2</b> Have you had a biodiversity conservation licence or similar permit suspended or cancelled?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No.

## 5. Declaration by applicant

I \_\_\_\_\_ the applicant, applying for this Landholder's licence to harm native animals, a class of biodiversity conservation licence under Part 2 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, acknowledge that it is an offence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with this application and I state the information I have provided is true and correct. By signing this application, I also acknowledge I will be required to comply with conditions of my Licence, and any other statutory obligations.

Signature		Date	
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## 6. Declaration by nominated person for authority to harm

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the nominated person for authority to harm a protected native animal acknowledge that it is an offence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with this application and I state the information I have provided is true and correct. By signing this application, I also acknowledge I will be required to comply with conditions of the Licence, and any other statutory obligations.

Signature		Date	
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### Information provided in licence applications

It is an offence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with a licence application.

### Licence conditions

All licences are issued with strict conditions. It is an offence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to contravene a condition of a licence. The licensee and any authorised persons on the licence must have read and understood the standard operating procedures or code of practice relevant to the species being harmed, for example: Standard Operating Procedures for trapping pest birds, Standard Operating Procedures for the shooting of pest birds.

### Other statutory requirements

All authorised persons must comply with other statutory or regulatory provisions relevant to this licence such as local council requirements, the NSW *Firearms Act 1996* and *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*.

### Privacy Statement

This application form requests information that identifies you and is defined as 'personal information' under the NSW *Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998*. Information supplied on this form will be used by delegated officers of the Department of Planning and Environment to assess your application and will be entered into a computer system for granting licences. You may access and amend your personal information at any time by contacting the department.

### Public register

As required by the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, a public register of biodiversity conservation licences is published on the department's website. The public register does not include personal information of individuals (e.g. name, postal and email address, phone number and date of birth). Information about the location of plants and animals covered by licences will be restricted to postcode.

### Application processing

Email the completed form to your local National Parks and Wildlife Service office. For further information call 1300 361 967 or visit Licences to control or harm native animals.