

# Authority to Control Wildlife Application Form

(Applications must be made by a natural person of 18 years or older. Applications listing more than one applicant will not be accepted. For land owned by a business, the Business Owner, Company Director, or an Employee may apply on behalf of the business, where the business name is listed in Item 4. For land not owned by a business, generally only the land Owner, Manager, or Lessee may apply.)

## 1. Applicant's Personal Details **Customer Number** (if known from earlier permit)

Mr/Mrs/Ms  First Name  Other Given Names  Family Name

Date of Birth  Sex (M/F)  Firearm (Longarm) Licence Details  Expiry Date

Licence Number:	<input type="text"/>	Licence Category:	<input type="text"/>	Is Licence still valid?	<input type="text"/>
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**Applicant's relationship to the land with the wildlife problem:** (Tick ONE box which best describes this)

Land Owner  
  Land Manager  
  Lessee of Land  
  Business Owner  
  Company Director  
  Employee (Specify position) .....

## 2. Applicant's Residential Address

Property Name (Name of house, farm or building if applicable)  Flat/Unit No.  House/Lot No.

Street Name  City/Suburb/Town  Postcode

## 3. Applicant's Contact Details

Telephone – Mobile  Telephone – Private  Telephone – Business  Facsimile Number  Email address

## 4. Business Name (ONLY complete when the land described in Item 6 below is owned/managed by a business or company)

## 5. Postal Address: (Tick one box only) Business OR Private (if same as residential, write "As Above")

## 6. Description and location of land where you plan to control wildlife (Crown Allotment Number(s)

must be supplied – see your Rates Notice or Shire Office). Give CFA Map Book Map No., Square No. & House No, if applicable.

Road Location (eg No. 2010 Plenty Rd, 2km west of intersection with Centre Rd)

Municipality (Shire, City, Town or Borough)  Postcode  Land where wildlife to be controlled is either: (Tick applicable box)

Private Land OR  Crown Land

Approximate area in hectares  Land Use Zone  Land used for (eg Cropping wheat, cattle grazing, apple orchard, etc)

An authorisation under section 28A of the *Wildlife Act 1975* [This authorisation] does not obviate the need to comply with any other laws of Victoria, the Commonwealth or any other State or Territory, including planning laws.

## 7. Non-lethal methods of control currently used

(eg. Scaring to deter kangaroos and birds. Exclusion netting to keep birds away from fruit, nuts, vines, yabbies, fish or poultry).

(A) Are you currently using non-lethal methods of control to reduce the problem(s)? (Tick box)  No  Yes

(B) Species of Wildlife Methods of non-lethal control being used (Write 'None' if non-lethal methods not used)

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**NOTE:** The DSE Customer Service Centre (Tel 136-186) may have a Flora & Fauna Note relevant to the wildlife problem you have. The notes are free and contain information to help you prevent or minimise problems with wildlife.

## 8. Method of Wildlife Control sought (Non-lethal methods of control should be attempted before lethal methods)

(Tick only one box to indicate method of control sought)

**Scare Only** (using firearms)

or

**Destroy**



## 9. Species & number of wildlife causing problem

	Species of wildlife	No. involved		Species of wildlife	No. involved
1			2		
3			4		

(Attach a separate list if application is for more than 4 types of wildlife)

## 10. Kind of problem being caused (only tick those that apply to you)

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affecting wildlife subject to management or recovery program | <input type="checkbox"/> Damaging buildings                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive animal threatening human safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating potential for disease in humans                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating fruit crop (including grapes)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Damaging fences                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating fish/yabbies  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating pasture                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating germinating cereal crop             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating nut crop  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fouling finished products or other goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating trees                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating vegetable crop  | <input type="checkbox"/> Preying on livestock                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fouling pasture, crops or water            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazard to aircraft safety                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsustainable population increase        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swooping hazard to humans                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trampling crop   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give details) .....                                   |   |   |

## 11. Prior Offences

If during the past 10 years, you have been charged with offence(s) under the *Wildlife Act 1975*, *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, *Firearms Act 1996*, or any Regulation(s) made under those Acts, you must provide details of those charges.

During the last 10 years, I have  have NOT  (tick applicable box) been charged with offence(s) relating to the *Wildlife Act 1975*, *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, *Firearms Act 1996*, or any Regulation(s) made under those Acts.

Year of charge(s)	Type of offence alleged in the charge(s)	Court result
		Guilty / NOT guilty

(Attach a separate list if you have been charged with more than one offence under the above legislation)

## 12. Acknowledgment by Applicant

I, (name of applicant) ..... being the applicant for this Authority to Control Wildlife, acknowledge that it is an offence under Section 58B of the *Wildlife Act 1975* (Maximum Penalty \$12,000), to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with the application for an Authority to Control Wildlife and I state that the information that I have provided is true and correct.

SIGNATURE of Applicant ..... DATE signed .....

The personal, non-commercial use of kangaroo and deer carcasses destroyed under Authorities to Control Wildlife (ATCW) is now permitted. This is consistent with the Government's "Hunting and 4 Wheel Driving Opportunities in Victoria" policy statement announced before the last State election, and is designed to avoid waste by allowing kangaroo and deer parts, including meat and skins, to be taken from the property for which the authorisation was issued. Any ATCW issued to permit shooting of kangaroos or deer contains conditions relating to that decision.

### 13. Agent to assist the holder of an Authority to Control Wildlife

**NOTE:** \*This page must ONLY be completed by the person wishing to be listed as an agent on an Authority to Control Wildlife

\* ONLY one agent may be listed per page

\*Agents may only be listed on this, or copies of this page. (Photocopy this page if you wish to use further agents.)

\*If you wish to be added to an existing Authority to Control Wildlife, enter the Authority number here:   
and fax or post this form to the relevant DSE/DPI office listed on the attached sheet.

#### (A) Agent's Details

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Other Given Names	Family Name									
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Year of charge(s)	Type of offence alleged in the charge(s)	Court result
<input style="width: 120px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 560px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guilty / <input type="checkbox"/> NOT guilty

(Attach a separate list if you have been charged with more than one offence under the above legislation)

#### (C) Acknowledgment by Agent

I, (name of proposed agent) ..... being listed as an AGENT on an Authority to Control Wildlife application, acknowledge that:

1. Before I participate in the control of any wildlife, I must read the Authority to Control Wildlife which lists me as an agent authorised to control a particular species of wildlife, and all Conditions relating to it, and place my signature adjacent to where my name is listed as an agent on the Authority to Control Wildlife; and
2. It is an offence under *Section 58B* of the *Wildlife Act 1975* (Maximum Penalty \$12,000), to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with the application for an Authority to Control Wildlife, and I state that the information that I have provided is true and correct.

SIGNATURE of Agent ..... DATE signed .....

#### INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT 2000

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is committed to protecting your personal information according to the principles set out in the Victorian Information Privacy Act 2000. This Privacy Statement applies to the collection and use of personal information, voluntarily provided by you, in relation to administration of licences and permits administered under the *Wildlife Act 1975*. A licence or permit may not be issued if the information required on this application form is not provided. You may also apply for access to your personal information at anytime to confirm that it is accurate and up to date, upon payment of a prescribed fee (if any). Inquiries should be directed to the Customer Service Centre on 136-186.

## Where to send your completed application form

Once your application for an Authority To Control Wildlife has been **completed** and **signed**, please submit it to the 'ATCW Coordinator' at the office closest to you in the DSE Region in which the property is located [see below for details].

If you are unsure which DPI/DSE Office to forward your application to, please call the DPI/DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186 for advice.

### Port Phillip Region:

#### **Areas west of the Hume Hwy**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
PO Box 103  
Geelong, VIC. 3220  
Fax: 5226-4725

#### **Areas east of the Hume Hwy**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
30 Prospect Street  
Box Hill, VIC. 3128  
Fax: 9296-4708

### Gippsland Region

#### **Areas east of Sale**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
PO Box 483  
Bairnsdale, VIC. 3875  
Fax: 5152-0444

#### **Sale & areas west of Sale**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
71 Hotham Street  
Traralgon, VIC. 3844  
Fax: 5172-2100

### North East Region

#### **Alexandra**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
46 Aitken Street  
Alexandra, VIC. 3714  
Fax: 5772-1361

#### **Benalla**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
89 Sydney Road  
Benalla, VIC. 3672  
Fax: 5761 1628

#### **Wangaratta**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
PO Box 1084  
Wangaratta, VIC. 3677  
Fax: 5721-4423

### South West Region

#### **Horsham**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
110 Natimuk Rd  
Horsham, VIC. 3400  
Fax: 5362-2187

#### **Colac**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
83-85 Gellibrand St  
Colac, VIC. 3250  
Fax: 5232-1791

#### **Ballarat**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
402-406 Mair St  
Ballarat, VIC. 3350  
Fax: 5336-6885

#### **Portland**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
8-12 Julia Street  
Portland, VIC. 3305  
Fax: 5523-5312

#### **Warrnambool**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
78 Henna Street  
Warrnambool, VIC. 3820  
Fax: 5561-9988

### North West Region

#### **Bendigo**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
Box 3100  
Bendigo Delivery Centre  
Bendigo, VIC. 3551  
Fax: 5448-4982

#### **Mildura**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
PO Box 905  
Mildura, VIC. 3498  
Fax: 5051-4302

#### **Swan Hill**

ATCW Coordinator  
Dept. Sustainability & Env.  
PO Box 501  
Swan Hill, VIC. 3585  
Fax: 5032-9682

### Landowner Land Management Self Assessment

This self-assessment is to document measures the property occupier has considered in order to manage their problems caused by native wildlife. Many problems can be resolved using non-lethal measures that may provide more effective solutions than simply resorting to killing wildlife. In general, appropriate non-lethal wildlife management options must be attempted and documented before DSE will consider issuing an Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) approving lethal techniques. This form must be returned with your application for an ATCW.

Property address.....

Area of property (ha).....

Nature of property (eg cropping, grazing, horticulture, residence etc).....

Does the property provide (tick one)	Your main source of income	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Major secondary income	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Minor income/lifestyle/home	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have problems caused by native wildlife? (**Yes/No**) If **Yes**, please list the species and the problems they cause.

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What non-lethal measures have you tried to manage problems caused by the wildlife listed above (please describe briefly). (For examples of common problems caused by wildlife and non-lethal approaches see p. 2). Have you read the **Problem Wildlife Notes** available from the DSE Customer Service Centre or website? Topics include: Kangaroos, Cockatoos, Ducks, Wombats, Birds in Fruit Crops and many more. For contact details see over.

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**For wildlife problems affecting primary production:**

Do you manage pest animals? **Yes/No**. If **Yes**, how? (please describe briefly)

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Do you manage pest plants? (**Yes/No**) If **Yes**, which species and how?

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Your name:..... Signature:..... Date:...../...../.....

(Please use additional pages if required and send to DSE with your completed application for an ATCW)



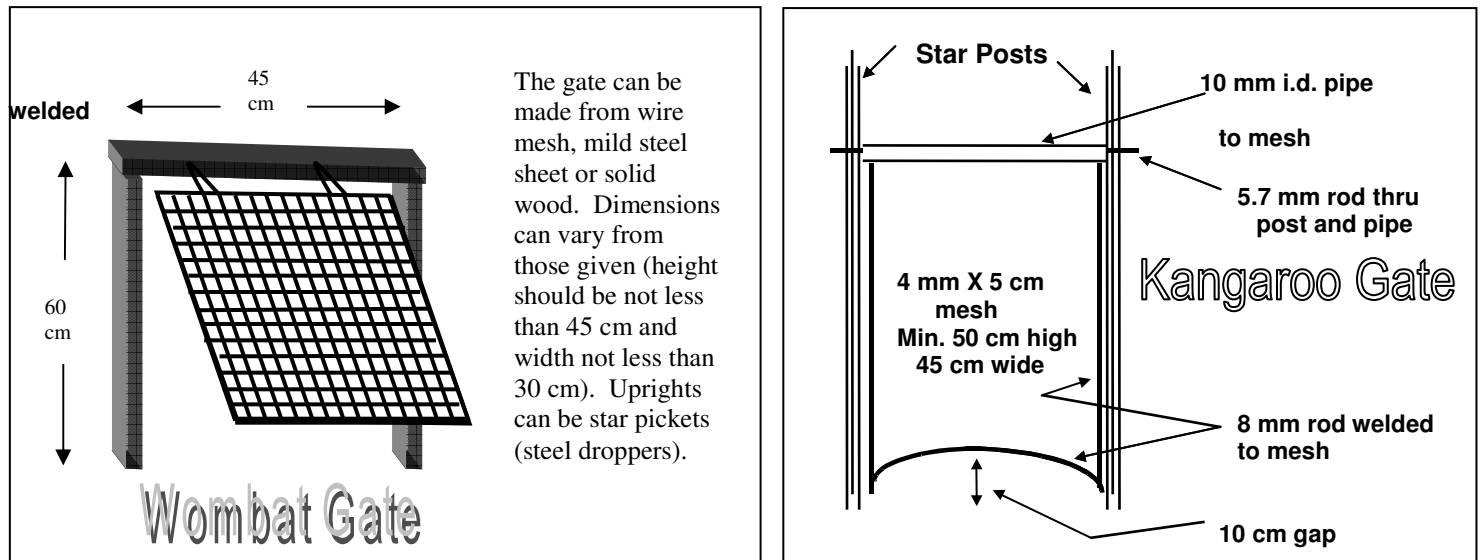
## Some common wildlife issues and practical non-lethal approaches

**Issue:** Kangaroos or Common Wombats damaging fences.

**Approach:** Destroying the animals causing damage to the fence will not prevent further fence damage by other individuals, and may, in the case of wombats, lead to increased damage when the new occupant of the territory makes its own holes in the fence (it will not necessarily use existing holes). The solution in both cases is to install a gate to protect your fence, permit the movement of the kangaroos or wombats, and prevent the escape of livestock. Suggested designs below.

**Issue:** Kangaroos competing for food

**Approach:** Balance your domestic stock density to accommodate some kangaroos. Improve pasture. Control weeds and grazing by rabbits to provide shared food source for stock and kangaroos.



**Issue:** Possums in roof and/or garden

**Approach:** If possums are resident inside your roof during the day, the best way to exclude them is by installing a one-way door to allow them out but not back. If a possum nest box is provided, the possum may not persist in attempting to return to the roof space. You may legally trap Common Brushtail Possums that are living in buildings, however trapped possums must then be released on the same property within 50 metres of the capture site on the day of capture. It is not legal to trap possums in the garden or to trap Common Ringtail Possums. Relocation of possums is illegal. If you are woken by possums running across your roof, you may be able to prevent access by pruning trees or by placing collars around tree trunks. DSE is unaware of any repellents that are always effective in preventing possums from eating plants.

**Issue:** Birds and flying-foxes eating fruit and nut crops (including grapes).

**Approach:** Netting to exclude birds is by far the best option. Many vineyards now use throw-over netting, having discovered that the large range of scaring devices and shooting do not control damage sufficiently. Back yard fruit and nut trees can be protected from birds and flying-foxes by erecting netting over them, using 40 mm knitted mesh (not nylon monofilament which traps wildlife). The knitted mesh is available from larger nurseries. Some residents enclose their fruit trees in permanent netted structures to guarantee fruit free of damage by birds, bats or possums.

**Issue:** Wood Ducks (Maned Ducks) fouling farm dams, swimming pools.

**Approach:** Farm dams from which livestock are excluded are unlikely to have water quality adversely affected by Wood Ducks. Wood Ducks may be deterred from swimming pools by the use of pool covers or by visual screens around the edges of the pool to prevent the birds being able to see potential predators approaching. Dogs trained to harass the ducks without harming them (Border Collies are good), under permit, should make the ducks leave for more peaceful surroundings.

For further information please contact the DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186 or visit the DSE website:

[www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)