

DECLARED ANIMAL POLICY

KANGAROO ISLAND NRM BOARD

Domestic Deer

This policy applies to	All people applying for permits to keep deer on Kangaroo Island
Policy	<p>It is the policy of the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) to ensure that:</p> <p>All owners of deer on Kangaroo Island have a Permit under Section 188 of the Natural Resource Management Act 2004 for the keeping of deer, and conditions of the permit are met.</p>
Definitions	<p>Domestic deer include: A domesticated animal from the Artiodactyla class including the following species:</p> <p>Axis axis Chital (Axis) Deer</p> <p>Axis porcinus Hog Deer</p> <p>Cervus Canadensis Wapiti</p> <p>Cervus elaphus Red Deer</p> <p>Cervus timoriensis Javan Rusa Deer</p> <p>Cervus unicolour Sambar</p> <p>Dama dama Fallow Deer</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kangaroo Island protected from the establishment of a feral deer population • The environment, industry and the public protected from damage and hazards caused by feral deer • To outline the situations when a deer farm would be considered • To outline the minimum requirements for a permit to be granted for the establishment of a deer farm.
Background	<p>Impacts</p> <p>All species of feral deer pose a threat to agriculture, the environment and public safety in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • damage to native vegetation through browsing and physical destruction • damage to gardens and agricultural industries including crops and vineyards • deer collisions with vehicles • competition with stock for pasture • potential vector of endemic diseases such as Leptospirosis, Yersinosis, Johne's disease, Cryptosporidiosis and Tuberculosis and a potential reservoir for exotic animal diseases.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • damage to infrastructure caused by antlers rubbing • increased levels of illegal hunting • weed dispersal • spread of plant disease such as <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> • impacts to native animal species through disturbance of breeding sites, and, • fouling of water holes. <p>Deer differ from other livestock species in Australia (apart from goats) because they cannot be excluded from areas without specialised fencing. Restricting the entry of deer to Kangaroo Island will provide a means of minimising the potential threats and impacts these animals could have on Kangaroo Island’s biodiversity, industry and community.</p> <p>Deer on Kangaroo Island</p> <p>From 2005 to 2013 the State and Federal Governments, and the Invasive Animals CRC spent over \$1.2 million on eradicating fallow deer from Kangaroo Island. The eradication has been carried out by the KINRM Board staff in association with Kangaroo Island residents and is close to completion. The majority of deer escaped from a deer farm in the Western River catchment in 1999, however, during the eradication a small number of red deer were also destroyed which had escaped from two other farms. Only red and fallow deer have been kept on KI. Deer escapes from farms are common, even when they are well managed, due to the difficulty in containing this group of species. Escapes have been documented from all deer farms on KI. For this reason the Board proposed to eradicate and remove all feral deer from the island and limit the ownership of domestic deer to situations of great public benefit where conditions were adequate to ensure no deer can escape into the wild. A change in declaration for deer on Kangaroo Island was gazetted on 11th of January 2011 bringing KI in line with other off shore islands.</p>
<p>Legislation</p>	<p>State requirements for the keeping of deer: Determination under Regulation 26(2) of the Natural Resources Management (General) Regulations 2005. This relates to fencing standards for keeping deer and fence maintenance requirements.</p> <p>The Natural Resource Management Act 2004 has classified deer as Category 3 for Kangaroo Island with the following sections of the Act applying-</p> <p>175 (1) (3) Movement within and onto Kangaroo Island prohibited</p> <p>176 (1) Possession on Kangaroo Island prohibited</p> <p>177 Sale on Kangaroo Island prohibited</p> <p>179 Release on Kangaroo Island prohibited</p> <p>180 Owner must notify the KINRMB of presence</p>

	<p>181 (1) Must control on Kangaroo Island in accordance with an Authorised Officer instruction</p> <p>182 (1) Owner of land must destroy if on land on Kangaroo Island</p> <p>Section 188 enables the Board to issue a Permit to keep deer and to outline Permit Conditions that must be met prior to issuing a Permit.</p>
<p>Domestic Deer Permit Conditions</p>	<p>Deer cannot be kept on Kangaroo Island unless a Permit from the Board has been obtained under Section 188 of the Natural Resource Management Act 2004.</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Natural Resource Management Board will consider a Permit if it is satisfied that the applicant can meet all the conditions outlined below.</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdraw a permit if conditions are breached. • A permit holder will be required to comply with any instructions of an authorised officer with respect to the keeping or management of deer under Section 181 (1) of the NRM Act. Penalties of up to \$10,000 apply. <p>The conditions below may be applied to permits in accordance with the objectives and principles for biosecurity measures outlined in the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Plan Volume 3: Implementation Part A Regulatory and Operational Policy.</p> <p>A permit will not be issued to a person who the Board is not satisfied has met all the permit conditions. The following permit conditions will be issued by the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board (KINRMB) under Section 188 of the NRM Act 2004 to control deer kept on Kangaroo Island.</p> <p>Permit Duration</p> <p>Each Permit will be only 12 months duration and will be renewed following an annual inspection of the fences, log books and handling facilities. If permit conditions are breached the permit can be with drawn. If during an inspection, the conditions of the permit are not met, the permit holder will be given a maximum period of one month to comply before the permit will be withdrawn.</p> <p>Situations when a deer farm would be considered</p> <p>Deer are regarded as high risk species due to difficulty of containment, and the high cost of eradication once they have escaped due to their elusive habits. Permits will be considered when the deer were owned by a landholder at the time of the legislation change, or if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is considerable economic benefit to the community • when stringent requirements and high quality management and facilities to minimise the risk of escape and establishment of a feral population are in place as outlined below.

- In areas remote from forestry or bushland which could harbour a feral population.

It is unlikely that any species apart from red deer will be permitted due to the difficulty in handling and containing domestic herds of other deer species, and cost of control in the event of an escape.

NOTE: Whilst there are strong policy reasons why the Board would not issue a permit unless an applicant met the above conditions, any landowner has the express general right to apply to keep a prohibited species under Section 188 of the NRM Act.

Minimum Requirements for the issuing of a permit for keeping deer on Kangaroo Island

Biosecurity Measures

All permits will be subject to specific conditions in accordance with the objectives and principles for biosecurity measures outlined in the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Plan Volume 3: Implementation Part A Regulatory and Operational Policy.

The permits would not be issued to a person who does not meet all the industry standards as outlined in **Australian Deer Industry Code of Practice for the welfare of deer, the State Deer Policy** and the **Animal Welfare Act**. Permits may be issued for the keeping of deer by the Board under Section 188 of the NRM Act 2004.

Deer can only be sold off island or to another Kangaroo Island deer farm holding a KINRM permit for keeping deer.

Deer Numbers

Permit holders must ensure the number of individuals of each species of deer held does not exceed the number of individuals of each species approved on the Deer Permit without the permission of the NRM Board.

The minimum standards as outlined in the above documents are:

Maintenance of Fencing and Yards

1. Fencing height, mesh size, post spacing and ground clearance will meet the State fencing standards. Deer mesh only, ringlock, hinge joint or stapling two rolls of prefabricated wire mesh together to obtain the required height will not be accepted.
2. The approved fencing and yards must be maintained so that they remain effective at all times in preventing the escape of deer and are safe for the animals, for those attending them and for the public.
3. All boundary fences must be kept clear of trees or branches which may damage the external deer boundary fence
4. All holes under boundary fences and gates must be repaired or blocked with additional deer mesh (or equivalent material).
5. There will be enough paddocks of a size to permit animals of similar age, sex, size and compatibility to be grouped and allow separation

of incompatible groups where necessary for example, aggressive behaviour during the rut.

6. All paddocks containing deer will have an additional peripheral fence (double fenced boundary) at a minimum distance of 5 metres and maximum distance of 10 metres as a safe guard from deer escaping.
7. All deer, registers and their enclosures and transport vehicles must be available for inspection at all reasonable times by an authorised officer.

Management

1. The deer will be managed by a person familiar with the behaviour of deer and must be competent in their handling and management to safeguard the welfare of the herd and individual animals, and to minimise escape.
2. The manager must provide adequate handling facilities. Restraint devices must be designed to suit the species.
3. The quality and quantity of the diet of the deer should be adequate to maintain health and meet the requirements for healthy animals and environmental conditions as outlined in the Deer Farming Handbook. This will reduce the chances of deer looking for better pastures outside the enclosure.

Identification and Record Keeping

1. All deer over 6 months of age must carry a permanent ear tag and ear tattoo or approved microchip which has the deer keeper's Property Identification Code (PIC) recorded on it and individual identification.
2. All properties will keep log books which are available to the Authorised Officer at all times and will document the following:
 - a. the species, number, sex and acquisition or birth date
 - b. identification numbers on tags or other identification devices
 - c. Any distinguishing marks or features
 - d. Any supply, sale, theft, escape, or deaths.
 - e. Entries of faults and maintenance carried out on boundary fencing
3. Owners will be required to preserve and submit tail samples from the deceased animals for verification. Preservation may be by freezing or some other means.
4. The Board will request from each permit holder an annual stocktake of the species and number of deer.

Movement of Deer

All deer are to be kept on-site in the approved premises and enclosure/s at all times unless:

1. Specifically exempted; or

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Moved for emergency veterinary care or on a short-term temporary basis as may be required by the Animal Welfare Act and due to any welfare emergency e.g. bushfire emergency. 3. Where deer are moved or transported for veterinary care they must be securely contained and supervised by a responsible person. 4. When the deer are being taken off-island. 5. Deer will only be moved when accompanied by an Authorised Officer. <p><u>Disposal of Deer within Kangaroo Island</u></p> <p>You must not release or supply (sell, loan, hire, exchange or transfer) deer to another person, within the Kangaroo Island region without a movement permit being issued by the Board.</p> <p><u>Loss, Theft and Release of Deer</u></p> <p>The permit holder is required to maintain a theft, escape or release management/contingency plan as previously approved by the Board or delegate prior to the issue of the Deer Permit. In the event of a theft, escape or release, the holder of this Deer Permit will activate the plan as immediately after the theft, escape or release comes to his or her attention. If any animal should escape, be stolen or lost, the Board must be notified as soon as practical but within 24 hours.</p> <p>The Board may recover from the deer owner, the cost of recapturing or destroying released or escaped domestic deer.</p> <p>In the event of an escape and failure to notify the Board the permit maybe cancelled and penalties according to the act may apply.</p> <p>Offences</p> <p>The Offence for non compliance of this policy and permit conditions is in accordance with Section 188 of the NRM Act.</p> <p>These are the general conditions, the Board may impose additional or vary the general conditions depending on the circumstance.</p>
Statutory Fees	The fee for applying for and obtaining a Domestic Deer Permit will be in accordance NRM General Regulations which are revised regularly
Responsibilities	The Kangaroo Island Natural Resource Management Board, or delegate of the Board, will issue a permit.
General	
Implementation	Responsibility of Authorised Officer
Periodic Review	Responsibility of Authorised Officer
Date Reviewed	
Signature	

Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board

Permit Application Form- Domestic Deer

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

Permit to Move, Possess or Sell Category Three Animals (Section 188)

It is an offence to move, possess or sell deer on Kangaroo Island without a Permit under Section 188 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* issued by the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board (KI NRM Board). All permit applications will be considered in accordance with the *Declared Animal Policy, Domestic Deer* (attached) as adopted by the KI NRM Board.

Permit applications must be submitted to Natural Resources Kangaroo Island, 37 Dauncey Street, (PO Box 39), Kingscote SA, 5223. Attach the applicable fee made payable to the Kangaroo Island Natural Resource Management Board.

Applicant to Complete — please write in BLOCK letters.

Fee Payable- \$0.0

** Denotes mandatory information required.*

*APPLICANT DETAILS		
Title: Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify):		
*Name:		
Company Name: <i>(if applicable)</i>		ACN: <i>(if body corporate)</i>
*Address:		
*Postal Address: <i>(if different from above)</i>		
*Phone:	Mobile:	Fax:
Email:		

* PROPERTY DETAILS		
*Certificate Title: Vol:		Folio:
*Street No:	*Street/Road:	
*Suburb:		*Postcode:
*Allotment No:		*Plan No:
*Section:		*Hundred:
Property Name:		Rural Property Address Number:
*PROPERTY OWNER DETAILS (if different from applicant)		
Title: Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify):		
*Name:		
Company Name: <i>(if applicable)</i>		ACN: <i>(if body corporate)</i>
*Address:		
*Postal Address: <i>(if different from above)</i>		
*Phone:	Mobile:	Fax:
Email:		

*** DETAILS OF DEER HERD**

Please provide a detailed description of the animals (e.g. species, sex, age, numbers, how they are identified and nature of enterprise)

Species 1	
Number of males	
Age classes	
Number of females	
Age classes	
Number of Juveniles	
Method of identification	
Nature of enterprise	
Species 2	
Number of males	
Age classes	
Number of females	
Age classes	
Number of Juveniles	
Method of identification	
Nature of enterprise	
Other information or comments	

Describe the secure cages or other enclosures in which the animals are to be kept (please attach additional information).

Fencing material No. horizontal wires/ Height (cm)/ Vertical spacing (cm) <i>(e.g. Deer mesh 17/ 190/ 30)</i>	
Fence Height (m)	
Post Spacing (m)	
Clear of overhanging timber <i>(please circle)</i>	Yes No
Double fence perimeter <i>(please circle)</i>	Yes No
Describe general enclosure design and location	
Describe handling facilities	
Other information or comments	

Do you have an animal escape plan? Yes/No (If yes, please attach)

If no, please outline the actions you will take if an animal escapes or is inadvertently released.

*** OTHER APPROVALS**

It is necessary to contact PIRSA Biosecurity and your local council to check if additional approval to keep deer is required.

What, if any, approvals do you or your company have from other State or Local Government agencies to undertake the proposed enterprise?

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OFFICE USE ONLY				
Date received:	Ref No:		Payment enclosed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
TRIM File No:	TRIM document No:			
Council Area:	Additional Info Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Receipt number	
Nature of Deer Enterprise				
<i>Species</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Use (commercial, exhibition, pet)</i>
Enclosure/Fencing Inspection undertaken: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Application Acknowledgement Sent: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Approved: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Decision Notification Sent: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

*** DECLARATION / SIGNATURE**

NOTE: The **applicant** must complete **ONLY ONE** of the following:

I/We declare that the information that has been provided on this application is true and correct.

SIGNED:

1. Where the applicant is an individual or two or more persons

Signature:

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Name:

Date:

2. Where the applicant is a Company or an Incorporated Association

EITHER The seal of

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(Name of Company or Incorporated Association)

WAS HEREBY AFFIXED IN THE PRESENCE OF

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

OR A person or persons duly authorised to sign for and on behalf of

(Name of Company or Incorporated Association)

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

Checklist:

Please remember to include:

- Signed application form
- Details of enclosure construction
- Escape plan
- Application fee

Return application and payment to:	
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Attn: Animal and Plant Control Natural Resources Kangaroo Island 37 Dauncey Street Kingscote SA 5223	
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Enquiries:

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