



## DECLARED PEST ANIMAL PERMITS

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Natural barriers such as the sea surrounding Kangaroo Island, have supported the development of unique ecosystems that can be threatened easily by new pest species. This natural barrier has been breached over the past two hundred years by rapidly accelerating human trade and travel. In spite of this Kangaroo Island remains relatively free of pests and diseases compared to mainland regions.

### Biosecurity Policy

Preventing potential pest species gaining entry to Kangaroo Island is the best approach to biosecurity.

The Board has developed a Biosecurity Policy for the Island to protect and conserve the Island's biodiversity, primary industries and tourist assets and avoid large-scale and ongoing pest management costs. This policy is incorporated into the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Plan Volume 3: Implementation Part A Regulatory and Operational Policy.

### Declared Pest Animal Species

Rabbits, foxes, deer and ferrets have the potential to threaten the Island's biodiversity and industries if allowed to establish as feral populations. To manage the risks posed by these

species they have been declared under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* with significant restrictions in place regarding their movement, possession, sale, release and control on Kangaroo Island.

### Declared Pest Animal Permits

Declared pest animals require a permit if they are to be brought to and kept on Kangaroo Island. Permits can only be sought for deer and ferrets **already on** Kangaroo Island. No permits will be issued for rabbits and foxes.

Permits are issued to individuals to keep particular species at a particular location and for a specified period. They may contain additional conditions relating to animal numbers, enclosure standards, record keeping etc. Permits are not transferable. A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision or condition of a permit is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty: \$50 000. Expiation fee: \$750.

For all declared pest animal permits an application form must be completed. Application forms are available:

- on-line at [www.kinrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.kinrm.sa.gov.au)
- at the Board office 37 Dauncey Street, Kingscote, phone 08 8553 4444
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