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Subject: Proposed briefing with Vassarotti Office - EGK management plan next steps

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Good afternoon all,

Please note that SA Sutton from the Vassarotti Office has requested a verbal briefing with the EHW and Comms teams on the process and next steps for the updating of the [Nature Conservation \(Eastern Grey Kangaroo\) Controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017](#).

Briefing would also cover:

1. An evidence update on more recent ecosystems-focused non-lethal management practices that may be transferable to the ACT (e.g. advances in fencing etc.), and the potential to scale these up – for EHW
2. Wider community engagement, targeted stakeholder engagement, and communications/media – review of 2023 approach – for Comms. MO happy to shift this one out separately to later in the year.
3. Revisiting the issue of joey licences under the Nature Conservation Act 2014 – for EHW

SA Sutton also asks when MO can be briefed on the independent vet audit results from 2023.

For starters, MO have proposed 27 Sept between 10am-11am or 26 Sept between 2pm-4pm (originally proposed for the Meet and Greet with ONC).


Please let me know your thoughts, and who you would like in attendance.

Thank you.

Best,

Ray

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Subject: Requesting verbal briefing - EGK management plan next steps

Hi Ray

Can I please request a verbal briefing for the Minister from EHW on the process and next steps for the updating of the [Nature Conservation \(Eastern Grey Kangaroo\) Controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017](#)?

Can this briefing also cover:

1. An evidence update on more recent ecosystems-focused non-lethal management practices that may be transferable to the ACT (e.g. advances in fencing etc.), and the potential to scale these up.
2. Wider community engagement, targeted stakeholder engagement, and communications/media – review of 2023 approach
3. Revisiting the issue of joey licences under the Nature Conservation Act 2014

Given the comms team are in a very busy period at the moment, we are happy to shift item 2 to a session later in the year.

Finally, can I ask when the Ministers will be briefed on the independent vet audit results from 2023?

[@McGucken, Connor](#) can I please ask for an hour for this verbal briefing?

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Paula

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Subject: RE: Kangaroo management plan update

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That's perfect, thank you Bren and team!

Regards,
Andrew

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Hi Andrew

I have spoken with the team and we view a deferral is preferable for about a month or so.

The team are still in discussions with the reviewer about draft findings and potential recommendations. One this is further settled; we can flag an update for the Minister.

However, the key message is the review is progressing well.

Thanks

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Subject: Kangaroo management plan update

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Hi Chris (and team),

The first weekly briefing between Minister Vassaortti's Office and EPSDD Executive is scheduled for next Tuesday 23 February.

MO have suggested that an update on the independent review for the kangaroo management plan and next steps be added as an agenda item. However, MO also acknowledges that it may be a week or two early for this and is happy to seek advice from the team.

Can you please let me know whether it would be worth adding this as an agenda item to next week's meeting or should we look to include this future briefing (including some high-level timeframes if possible please)?

Thank you.

Regards,
Andrew

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Attachments: EGK CNSMP review update briefing 6th Feb 2024.obr, EGK CNSMP review update briefing 6th Feb 2024.docx

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Hi Bren and Rosie,
Here are some dot points for the EGK CNSMP review briefing tomorrow. The key information is in the first section but I have also included a summary of the key recommendations and the list of stakeholders Sarah met with in case there are any questions about that. There is also a section on the Ngunnawal yarning circle, not sure if that's required.

Bren – are you happy with the approach of releasing the independent review report and a response from government before the 2024 cull and then doing public consultation on the new draft plan after the cull is completed? I discussed this with Mel Ryan from the Comms team and she ran it by the Media team who also agreed.

Happy to chat in the morning before the meeting if you like.

Regards,

Claire Wimpenny

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Hi Claire

Would you be available to provide dot points for the item below, attend to support the discussion, or provide a meeting brief (one pager)?

Thanks

Bren

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Good afternoon all,

Please find below – two items requested from the Vassarotti Office for the EPSDD Exec Briefing next Tuesday (6 February 2024 at 930am-10am). **This will be an online meeting via WebEx.**

Agenda item	Context (include briefing reference or short summary for context)
Draft budget business cases	Discussion on the draft budget business case that have been submitted for comment before submission of final BCs. Verbal update
Update on kangaroo/buru management review	A brief update on the broader kangaroo/buru management review, including upcoming timeframes Verbal update

Thank you.

Best,

Ray

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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

To:	Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management	Tracking No.: 24/28291
Date:	05/04/2024	
From:	Conservator of Flora and Fauna	
Subject:	Independent Review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan	
Critical Date:	12/04/2024	
Critical Reason:	To allow publication of the report ahead of the 2024 kangaroo management program commencing.	

- DDG, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction 05/04/ 2024

Recommendations

That you:

1. **Note** the final *Independent Review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan (Review)* (Attachment A) by Professor Sarah Legge. **Noted / Please Discuss**
2. **Agree** to the public release of the Review. **Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss**
3. **Note** the communications plan (Attachment C), media release (Attachment D) and talking points (Attachment E) to support release of the review report. **Noted / Please Discuss**

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA  11 / 4 / 2024

Minister's Office Feedback
 Thank you for this very important work. The results are very reassuring while providing recommendations to assist us with improving the program even more.

Can we please list this for a discussion at the next briefing. I am keen to discuss how we will communicate our response to the review and identify what things could be incorporated into this year's program. I am keen for these to go beyond the communication recommendations. In particular, it would be good to understand if it is feasible to further integrate the government vet into this year's program. Additionally, can we pick up the recommendation around the annual shooters test. While not covered in the report but picked up in the audit, I am also keen to understand if there is any feasibility in further reducing the window for the program to be earlier in the season.

Also, I understand that there has been an initial conversation regarding capacity in relation to the findings around collisions. I would be keen to discuss what we might be able to discuss in relation to to potential future work as this will be of interest to the community, and I feel is significant in relation to animal welfare outcomes, and consideration of work requirements for staff.

Background

1. The *Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan* (Plan) is a document prepared by the Conservator of Flora and Fauna pursuant to the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* (Act). The Plan sets out the government's approach to managing wild populations of Eastern Grey Kangaroos in the wild.
2. Under the Act, such plans are required to be reviewed every five years.
3. An independent expert review of the 2017 Plan has been completed. The review was undertaken by Professor Sarah Legge who is an ecologist with 30 years' experience in research and conservation management.
4. The review of the Plan was due in 2022 but was delayed for resourcing and operational reasons. The last formal review of kangaroo management in the ACT was undertaken in 2018 when the culling program in ACT nature reserves was reviewed at a workshop by a panel of experts. The report from this review is available at: https://www.environment.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1550292/kangaroo-management-research-report-april-2019.pdf
5. The objective of the review is to review the effectiveness of the current management plan and associated legislative instruments for reducing the adverse environmental, economic and social impacts of Eastern Grey Kangaroos in the ACT.
6. Kangaroo culling in the ACT is undertaken in accordance with the *National code of practice for the humane shooting of kangaroos and wallabies for non-commercial purposes* (2008). A second code, the *National code of practice for the humane shooting of kangaroos and wallabies for commercial purposes*, covers commercial shooting across Australia and was reviewed and updated in 2020.

Issues

7. The final independent review report by Professor Legge is provided at Attachment A.
8. Overall, the review is very complimentary of the ACT Government's approach to kangaroo management. For example:
 - a. *"The kangaroo management program in the lowland grassy ecosystems of Canberra Nature Park is an outstanding example of adaptive management."*
 - b. *"the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting for kangaroo management in the ACT is extremely impressive and an outstanding exemplar for adaptive management"*
 - c. *"the public engagement and reporting of the management program [...] is remarkable..."*.
9. The review concludes that the ACT Government's kangaroo population estimates are sound. The stated evidence to support this is that well established methods are used and implemented in an appropriate way; trials have been conducted to demonstrate that different methods produce comparable estimates; the annual count and cull numbers are generally well aligned; and population estimates and population growth predictions are well matched in a sample of sites.
10. The review identifies some weaknesses and objectives that haven't been met. These include the lack of monitoring and reporting on the status of grazing-sensitive species, a reduction in the incidence of kangaroo-vehicle collisions is not being achieved, the current objectives in the plan lack performance criteria and are not SMART, the

current plan does not include indigenous perspectives, and there are no data available to assess the performance of kangaroo management practices on rural lands.

11. The report makes 34 recommendations that contribute to continuous improvement of the program. The main recommendations in relation to managing the environmental impacts of kangaroos are:
 - a. Monitor and report on the status of grazing-sensitive species within reserves where kangaroos are managed to further validate the program and help communicate its purpose.
 - b. Develop a strategic translocation program for grazing-sensitive plant and animal species into reserves with suitable habitat where threats are adequately managed, to accelerate ecosystem restoration and demonstrate the value of managing threats, including grazing management.
 - c. Further enhance the regulation and organisation of cull operations so the community can continue to have confidence that welfare outcomes for kangaroos are being optimised, including working with jurisdictional counterparts to update the *National code of practice for the humane shooting of kangaroos and wallabies for non-commercial purposes* and preparing a Standard Operating Procedures document to consolidate current culling practices.
12. The main recommendations for managing the economic impact of kangaroos on rural properties are:
 - a. Undertake an ACT-wide spatial assessment of kangaroo density on rural lands to identify variation in kangaroo density and focal areas for collaborative kangaroo management between landholders and government. The focal areas would include rural lands with grazing-sensitive threatened species or next to reserves that have high kangaroo densities.
 - b. Based on the spatial assessment, design and implement a periodic monitoring program for changes in kangaroo density across rural lands in the ACT to inform management.
13. The main recommendation for managing the social impacts of kangaroo-vehicle collisions is:
 - a. Consider kangaroo-vehicle collision mitigation measures that could be installed immediately at collision hotspots whilst researching and trialling longer term solutions to reduce collisions and enhance habitat connectivity.
14. The main cross-plan recommendations include:
 - a. Consider including a clearer set of SMART objectives and relevant performance criteria and reporting requirements in the plan.
 - b. Outline pathways by which the perspective of Traditional Custodians and other Indigenous People can be integrated into the framing, design, implementation, monitoring and reporting/evaluation of kangaroo management.
 - c. Replace the 'Social Impacts' section of the plan with 'One Welfare Impacts' so the welfare consequences of management actions (or inaction) for kangaroos, people, other animals and the environment can be explicitly and consistently considered within the same framework.

- d. Make it clearer that kangaroo management for conservation should be understood as one part of a broader conservation management program on reserve land; and consider and explain how kangaroo management in urban and peri-urban areas fits into the larger context of kangaroo management, and the status of kangaroos, across the ACT.
 - e. Building on the recommendation for rural lands, undertake an ACT-wide assessment of the spatial variation in kangaroo density and design a periodic monitoring program across all land tenures (including rural land, Namadgi, Tidbinbilla and Lower Cotter) to inform strategic, cross-tenure management; to contextualise the intensive kangaroo management in the urban nature reserves and to provide an overall status assessment for kangaroos across the ACT.
15. The review notes that killing kangaroo joeys is a sensitive topic but concludes that a concussive blow to the head is the most humane way to kill joeys because it is rapid, effective and consistent. It notes that the 2020 Commercial Code has more specific instructions and more useful information about this method compared to the Non-Commercial Code. The review recommends exploring the potential for supporting further research into captive bolt guns as an alternative method for humanely killing pouch young. This possibility will be further explored, and it is understood that research of this nature may already be underway in NSW. The review also recommends considering replacing the term 'euthanasia' with 'humane killing' when referring to pouch young killed during culling operations.
 16. In line with the recommendations in the report, updates to website material to improve how the purpose and key messages relating to kangaroo management in lowland grassy ecosystems are communicated are being prepared for publication alongside the review.
 17. All the review recommendations will be considered in the development of a new draft plan which is expected to be released for public comment in late 2024/early 2025.

Financial Implications

18. The total cost of the review is \$32,000 and is funded by the kangaroo management budget initiatives.
19. Some recommendations in the review would require considerable additional funding to implement. The feasibility of these recommendations and potential funding sources will be explored further during the development of the new draft plan.

Consultation

Internal

20. Professor Legge consulted with various staff from within EPSDD (Office of Nature Conservation; Biosecurity and Rural Services; and Parks and Conservation Service) during the development of her report.
21. The final review report has been circulated to members of the Macropod Management Steering Committee.
22. A copy of the review report has been sent to Planning and Sustainable Development for noting in regard to stakeholders concerns about impacts of urban development on kangaroos.

Cross Directorate

23. Professor Legge consulted with staff from Traffic Safety, Roads ACT, Transport Canberra and City Services. A copy of the final report has been sent to them.

External

24. Professor Legge consulted with various external stakeholders during the review including rural landholders, land managers of national land, conservation groups, professional shooters, ecologists/researchers, veterinarians, animal welfare, animal rights and wildlife care organisations. A full list of external stakeholders that were consulted is provided in Attachment B.

25.

26. Professor Legge also consulted with the following advisory committees – ACT Scientific Committee, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, and ACT Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee.

27. Professor Legge attended the Ngunnawal Buru Management Yarning Circle on the 20 January 2024 (*buru* is the Ngunnawal word for kangaroo). Consultation with the Ngunnawal community is continuing to inform the development of the new plan.

28. It is proposed that all consulted stakeholders will be advised of the pending release of the report. Arrangements for this will be confirmed with your office.

Work Health and Safety

29. Nil.

Benefits/Sensitivities

30. Undertaking this independent expert review is beyond the review requirements in the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* and demonstrates the ACT Government's commitment to thorough review and continuous improvement of kangaroo management policies and programs.
31. Some stakeholder groups and members of the community are likely to disagree with the findings of the review. Professor Legge consulted a wide variety of external stakeholders and held a follow up meeting with the animal rights groups to explain how their first meeting shaped her approach to the review and to give them feedback on some specific issues they raised. Despite this, it is possible that individuals or groups may speak out publicly against the review.
32. Some recommendations are likely to require substantial additional resources to implement. These will be further considered and discussed with you in due course.
33. All the recommendations will be considered in the development of the new draft plan and an official government response that clearly describes the intended response to each recommendation, including expected resource requirements and proposed timeline, will be released with the draft plan. Addressing the impacts of urbanisation on kangaroos and addressing human-vehicle collisions will require engagement from EPSDD urban planning/design teams and TCCS road design/construction teams.

Communications, media and engagement implications

34. The independent review report will be published on the ACT Government environment website. The proposed release date is the week of 8 April 2024. The communications

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plan (Attachment C), media release (Attachment D) and talking points (Attachment E) are attached.

- 35. Professor Legge has indicated she would be willing to speak to the media if required, however, her availability is limited due to field work commitments.
- 36. The kangaroo Question Time Brief will be updated with the Talking Points on this matter.

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Attachments

Attachment	Title
Attach A	FINAL REPORT EGK CNSMP Independent Review S Legge_20240312
Attach B	External Stakeholder Consultation List EGK CNSMP Independent Review
Attach C	EPSDD Communications Plan – EGK Controlled Native Species Management Plan – 2024 Revision
Attach D	202403XX – Minister Vassarotti media release – Review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan
Attach E	Talking points – Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Plan – Independent Review

External Stakeholders consulted as part of Professor Sarah Legge’s independent review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan

Group Meeting 1: Monday 4th December 2023, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm; 480 Northbourne Avenue
Friends of Aranda Bushland
Friends of Grasslands
Friends of Mt Majura
Mt Ainslie Weeders
Mt Taylor Parkcare Group
Woodlands and Wetlands Trust/Ginninderry Conservation Trust
Group Meeting 2: Tuesday 5th December 2023, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm; 480 Northbourne Avenue
ACT Wildlife
Animal Defenders Office
Animal Liberation ACT
Animal Protector Alliance
Save Canberra’s Kangaroos
Follow-up to Group Meeting 2: Thursday 18 Jan 2024, 5:00pm - 7:30 pm; 480 Northbourne Avenue
Animal Defenders Office
Animal Liberation ACT
Animal Protector Alliance
Save Canberra’s Kangaroos
Meeting to discuss kangaroo counting methods: Friday 19 Jan 2024, 480 Northbourne Ave
Save Canberra’s Kangaroos
Buru Management Yarning Circle: Saturday 20 Jan 2024, Tidbinbilla (organised by ACT Government)
Ngunnawal community members
Individual meetings/discussions/email correspondence
Defence Housing Australia/Dowes Projects
Department of Defence (AD Env and Sustainability)
Ecologists/Researchers x7
RSPCA
Rural Landholders Association
Rural Landholders x6
Shooting Contractor
Veterinarian (University of New England)
Committees – meetings &/or email correspondence
ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
ACT Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee
ACT Scientific Committee
Declined meeting invite
Conservation Council ACT Region – <i>provided written position statement</i>

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment – *responded that they did not feel they could value add because the approach will be based on science*

Did not respond to invite to participate in the review

Canberra Ornithologists Group

Government House

National Parks Association (*responded after the meeting was held*)

Parkcare Groups other than the five groups that attended the Group Meeting 1

Royal Canberra Golf Club

Rural landholders other than the six landholders that accepted individual meetings

Wildcare Queanbeyan Inc

Communications Plan

Project: Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan
Directorate: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
Release date: March 2024



Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan

<p>What is government's involvement/interest?</p>	<p>Under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2014</i>, the Conservator of Flora and Fauna is required to review a controlled native species management plan every five years. To ensure openness and transparency throughout review of the 2017 plan, an independent review of the 2017 Management Plan was undertaken in 2023/24.</p>		
<p>Why are we communicating on this issue?</p>	<p>To raise awareness of an expert independent review of the 2017 Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan and encourage public participation in consultation on a revised plan.</p>		
<p>Background/research/insights</p>	<p>2022 data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54% of residents are satisfied/very satisfied with the ACT Government's current management of kangaroos, followed by 29% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. • 76% of residents believe that kangaroo culling is appropriate under certain circumstances, followed by 14% unsure in the subject. 10% of residents are against kangaroo culling under any circumstances. • 68% of residents believe it is important/very important to have kangaroos in Canberra Nature Park, followed by 20% believing it is neither important nor unimportant. • At the time of surveying, 62% of residents had seen a kangaroo in the ACT within the week (29% within the day) and the majority (59%) of residents believe the ACT has a higher/ much higher concentration of kangaroos compared to Australia, generally. 		
<p>Does it cross over other Directorates/ agencies?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Spokesperson</p>	<p>Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti Conservator of Flora and Fauna, Bren Burkevics Professor Sarah Legge (Independent reviewer)</p>
<p>Communications tier</p>	<p>Tier 3</p>		
<p>EPSDD Strategic Indicators</p>	<p>Enhance Canberrans wellbeing by conserving and experiencing nature and culture (<i>Environment and climate, Social Connection, Health, Education and life-long learning, Identity and belonging, Governance and institutions, Safety</i>)</p> <p>Create our climate-ready city (<i>Economy, Environment and climate, Social Connection, Health, Education and life-long learning, Housing and home, Governance and institutions, Safety</i>)</p> <p>Respect our Ngunnawal Traditional Custodians' history, knowledge and aspirations and work in partnership with Ngunnawal people to build a strong and shared future that respects and values Ngunnawal Country. Acknowledge and celebrate the diverse First Nations peoples and their unique cultures through shared opportunities, respecting and valuing their knowledge and contributions to the work we do (<i>Economy, Environment and climate, Education</i>)</p>		

Approved by:
 Action officer: Hannah Evans
 Date:



Communications Plan

Project: Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan
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	<i>and life-long learning, Housing and home, Identity and belonging, Governance and institutions, Safety)</i>
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Target audiences

Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors to Canberra Nature Parks • Rural landholders • Other external land managers • Environmental volunteers • Native wildlife enthusiasts • Ngunnawal community
Key influencers/stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-government organisations (e.g., Woodlands and Wetlands Trust, Ginninderry Conservation Trust, Conservation Council ACT Region, Rural Landholders Association) • Wildlife welfare groups (e.g., ACT Wildlife, Wildcare Queanbeyan Inc, RSPCA) • Environmental volunteer groups (e.g., Friends of Grasslands, Canberra Ornithologists Group, ParkCare groups) • Activist groups (Save Canberra's Kangaroos, Animal Protectors Alliance, Animal Liberation ACT, Animal Defenders Office and other national groups) • External Land managers • Research partners and affiliates (e.g., Australian National University, University of Canberra, CSIRO)
ACTPS (if relevant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment • Conservator of Flora and Fauna • ACT Scientific Committee • Animal Welfare Advisory Committee • NRM Committee • ACT Macropod Management Steering Committee • Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee • TCCS – ACT Roads • Suburban Land Agency

Key Messages

Phase 1 – Independent review

- An independent review of the ACT Government Controlled Native Species Management Plan for Eastern Grey Kangaroos has described the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting for kangaroo management in the ACT as “extremely impressive”.
- While confirming kangaroo welfare is at the heart of all management activities, the review also notes the ACT continues to exceed the requirements of the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-Commercial Purposes.
- The independent review provides 34 recommendations that contribute to the continuous improvement of the program. All recommendations will be considered in development of a revised Controlled Native Species Management Plan.

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Communications Plan

Project: Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan

Directorate: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Release date: March 2024

- Additional consultation with the Ngunnawal community is ongoing and aims to better understand Ngunnawal perspectives on kangaroo management policies and programs in the ACT and ensure the new plan incorporates community values and aspirations.
- The community will be invited to provide feedback on a new draft management plan by early 2025.

Phase 2 – Community consultation (to be finalised closer to phase 2 commencing)

- The community is invited to have their say on a draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan for the Eastern Grey Kangaroo.
- Following an Independent Review of the 2014 Controlled Native Species Management Plan, the revised plan strengthens **X, Y and Z** to ensure we keep achieving the best outcomes for kangaroos and the reserves they call home.
- To have YourSay on the draft Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan 2024, visit [URL](#).

Action plan

Date	Communications collateral	Distribution	Responsibility
Phase 1 – Release independent review			
w/c 8 April 2024 TBC	Publish Independent Review Report online	Environment website - CNSMP page <i>Also link on Environment website - EGK page</i>	EPSDD Comms/ Web
w/c 8 April 2024 TBC	Publish Minister's media release announcing the initial actions to address the independent review recommendations with supporting talking points	Media	EPSDD Comms
w/c 8 April 2024 TBC	Share link to review report directly with stakeholders	Email	Office of Nature Conservation
w/c 8 April 2024 TBC	Commence educational social media content Note: Operational announcements anticipated early May 2024.	EPSDD Facebook channels	EPSDD Comms/ Content
Phase 2 – Public consultation			
<i>Post election – Details to be finalised closer to phase 2 commencing</i>			
At launch	Launch YourSay consultation page including a copy of the draft Plan and the Independent Review	YourSay	EPSDD Comms
At launch	Update website content Adding a link to the consultation page	Environment website	EPSDD Comms, Web
At launch	Publish media release	Media	EPSDD Comms/ Media
At launch	Direct stakeholder communication Invitation to have YourSay	Email	Office of Nature Conservation,

Commented [CR1]: Noting this is not a full response to the report - that will come with the release of the new EGK plan

Approved by:

Action officer: Hannah Evans

Date:

Communications Plan

Project: Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan

Directorate: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Release date: March 2024

Date	Communications collateral	Distribution	Responsibility
			Office of the Conservator
At launch	Direct communication with Ngunnawal community <i>Invitation to have YourSay</i>	DNCCC distribution list	EPSDD Comms
At launch	Publish social media post <i>Announcing consultation</i> Note: Comments off – no boost.	ACT Parks Facebook	EPSDD Comms/ Content
At launch	Publish news item <i>Announcing consultation</i>	Environment website	EPSDD Comms/ Web
Two weeks prior to closure	Publish social media post <i>Reminder to have YourSay (2 weeks left)</i> Note: Comments off – no boost.	ACT Parks Facebook	EPSDD Comms/ Content
Two weeks prior to closure (<i>if needed</i>)	Proactive media push <i>Reminder to have YourSay (2 weeks left)</i>	Media	EPSDD Comms/ Media
One week prior to closure	Direct stakeholder communication <i>Reminder to have YourSay (1 week left)</i>	Email	ONC
Following consultation			
Four weeks from closure	Publish listening report	YourSay	EPSDD Comms
TBC	<i>Launch new EGK Plan</i>	<i>Environment website</i>	<i>EPSDD Comms/ Web</i>

Approved by:

Action officer: Hannah Evans

Date:

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management
Minister for Heritage
Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services
Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction

Member for Kurrajong

15 May 2024

Independent review of kangaroo management plan released

An independent review of the ACT Government's 2017 Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan released today deemed kangaroo management in the ACT as 'extremely impressive'.

Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management Rebecca Vassarotti said Controlled Native Species Management Plans are required under the Nature Conservation Act 2014 to be reviewed every five years.

"To reassure Canberrans about the importance and high quality standards of the ACT's Kangaroo Management Program, the ACT Government engaged an independent and leading academic to deliver the statutory review of the 2017 Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan," said Minister Vassarotti.

"The independent review conducted by Professor Sarah Legge considers the government's approach to kangaroo management is 'extremely impressive'. We have always been confident in the program's evidence base, but this external reassurance reinforces that the kangaroo management program is necessary and that animal welfare and conservation are at the heart of all management actions and the methodology reflects best practice.

"The Independent Reviewer met with key stakeholders throughout the assessment process, including rural landholders, animal rights, wildlife care and animal welfare groups, and conservation groups, to ensure all perspectives were considered.

"The review makes 34 recommendations to further strengthen the program. Some of these recommendations have already been addressed in this year's Eastern Grey Kangaroo Management Program including increasing the involvement of ACT Government veterinarians in the program and updating communication materials to provide even more clarity and transparency for the community.



Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management

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“Consultation with the Ngunnawal community is also ongoing with the aim to better understand Ngunnawal perspectives on kangaroo management programs in the ACT and ensure the new plan incorporates community values and aspirations.

“Managing kangaroo populations is just one part of an integrated land management program designed to protect the ACT’s grasslands and woodlands, but it can be the most confronting aspect for some members of the community.

“The recommendations will be considered when developing a new Controlled Native Species Management Plan which will be shared with the community for consultation in early 2025,” Minister Vassarotti said.

The independent review of the 2017 Controlled Native Species Management Plan for Eastern Grey Kangaroos and more information about the Kangaroo Management Program is available on the [ACT Environment website](#).

Quotes attributable to Bren Burkevics, ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna:

“I welcome the outcomes of this independent review and that it reaffirms the ACT’s Kangaroo management program is robust, evidence-based plan with a strong focus on animal welfare and conservation.

“The independent review confirms that kangaroos are an important component of our grassy ecosystems but too much or too little grazing changes the grass structure and leads to declines in other grass-dependent species.

“The ACT Government is wasting no time to implement the recommendations from the independent review to help guide and inform the refresh of the current Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Plan. The recommendations will allow the new plan to be more holistic view of kangaroo management across all landscapes and within the context of other land management activities.

“We’re also implementing key recommendations from the report in this years Eastern Grey Kangaroo Management Program, including strengthening our communications to the community, and increasing the involvement of ACT Government veterinarians. Over the next 12 months, additional options to utilise carcasses will be explored as well as strengthening internal administrative processes.





Media release

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management

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"This review and the independent animal welfare audit from the 2023 kangaroo management program that was released in late 2023 provide full transparency and reassurance to Canberrans that the ACT's approach to managing kangaroos is very high standard with animal welfare and conservation at its core.

"I acknowledge Professor Sarah Legge for her quality review and all the professional organisations, community groups and individuals that provided information during the process."

Statement ends

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TALKING POINTS FOR EASTERN GREY KANGAROO CONTROLLED NATIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN

INDEPENDENT REVIEW

- The Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Plan 2017 is a plan established under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* to guide the ACT Government's approach to the management of Eastern Grey Kangaroos.
- Under the Act, controlled Native Species Management Plans are reviewed every five years to ensure they are effectively addressing the negative environmental, economic, and social impacts of the species.
- To ensure the highest levels of rigour, expertise and independence in the review, the government engaged Professor Sarah Legge to conduct an independent review of the plan. Professor Legge is renowned for her work in ecology and conservation and is a Professor at the Australian National University, Principal Research Fellow with the University of Queensland and Professorial Fellow at Charles Darwin University
- A wide range of stakeholders have contributed to Professor Legge's review.
- The independent review has described the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting for kangaroo management in the ACT as "extremely impressive".
- While confirming kangaroo welfare and conservation are at the heart of all management activities, the review also notes the ACT continues to exceed the requirements of the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-Commercial Purposes.
- The independent review provides 34 recommendations that contribute to continuous improvement of the program.
- Some recommendations for the program are already put in place this year including increasing the involvement of ACT Government veterinarians in the program and updating communication materials to provide even more clarity and transparency for the community.
- All recommendations will be considered in development of a revised Controlled Native Species Management Plan.
- The Conservator of Flora and Fauna will use Professor Legge's report to guide the development of a new version of the plan. It is anticipated that the new plan will seek to provide a more holistic view of kangaroo management across all landscapes and within the context of other land management activities.
- Additional consultation with the Ngunnawal community is ongoing and aims to better understand Ngunnawal perspectives on kangaroo management policies and programs in the ACT and ensure the new plan incorporates community values and aspirations.

- The community will be invited to provide feedback on a new draft management plan by early 2025.

Population estimates

- The review concludes that the kangaroo population estimates undertaken by the ACT Government are sound. Evidence to support this includes that well established methods are used and implemented in an appropriate way; trials have been conducted to demonstrate the different methods produce comparable estimates; the annual count and cull numbers line up for most sites; and population estimates and population growth predictions are well matched in a sample of sites.

Humane killing of pouch young

- The Plan acknowledges the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-commercial Purposes as the foundation for ensuring animal welfare throughout shooting operations, including for pouch young and young-at-foot.
- In the ACT, the management of female kangaroos is restricted to the period between 1 March and 31 July each year, to avoid the time of year when most females have large pouch young or small young at foot. Young in this age bracket are at risk of orphaning if their mother is shot because they are highly dependent on milk for survival and are mobile enough to escape the shooter.
- If a female kangaroo is culled, the pouch young must be humanely killed in accordance with the code of practice.
- Understanding the topic is confronting to some members of the community, further description of the methods can be found in the code of practice.
- The review notes that killing kangaroo joeys is a sensitive topic but states that a concussive blow to the head is the most humane way to kill kangaroo joeys because it is rapid, effective and consistent.
- It notes that the 2020 Commercial Code has more specific instructions and more useful information about this method compared to the Non-Commercial Code. The review recommends exploring the potential for supporting further research into captive bolt guns as an alternative method for humanely killing pouch young. This possibility will be further explored.

Kangaroo-vehicle collisions

- The review states that the 2017 plan's objective of reducing the incidence of kangaroo-vehicle collisions is not being met. The review notes that the ACT Government has supported some research on this topic and recommends further research and consideration of potential short- and long-term mitigation measures to reduce the frequency of collisions.
- This topic will be further explored during the development of the new plan, noting that addressing this topic will require the engagement of EPSDD urban planning and design and TCCS road design and construction teams.

Monitoring grazing-sensitive species

- The review states that there are no targets set for grazing sensitive species in the current plan, and the outcomes for grazing-sensitive species are not being monitored. The review

recommends establishing targets and reporting on the status of grazing-sensitive species in reserves where kangaroos are managed to further validate the program and help communicate its purpose. This recommendation will be considered during the development of the new plan. The program is currently evaluated against a grass height target which is based on local research and encompasses suitable habitat conditions for a variety of species.

DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

- *To be provided closer to consultation commencement.*

BACKGROUND

- In 2017, Eastern Grey Kangaroos were declared a controlled native species under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* (the Act) in recognition of their potential to negatively impact on environmental, economic and social values. As a result, all kangaroo management in the ACT is undertaken in accordance with the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan (the Plan).
- The Plan describes the Eastern Grey Kangaroo, its habitat, its role in the ACT and its environmental, economic and social impacts. The Plan was developed in accordance with the Act and outlines arrangements for kangaroo welfare, managing interactions between humans and kangaroos, managing kangaroo densities and managing captive populations.
- The plan aims to:
 - maintain populations of kangaroos as a valued and iconic component of grassy ecosystems in the Territory
 - manage and minimise the environmental, economic and social impacts of those kangaroo populations on other plants and animals, grassy ecosystems and primary production.
- Under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*, the Conservator of Flora and Fauna is required to review a controlled native species management plan every five years. The Act does not state how the plan must be reviewed.

Q&A

Why was Professor Sarah Legge engaged to conduct the review?

- Professor Sarah Legge is renowned for her work in ecology and conservation. Professor Legge is a Professor at the Australian National University, Principal Research Fellow with the University of Queensland and Professorial Fellow at Charles Darwin University.

Does the 2017 plan address fertility control?

- The Plan acknowledges the role of fertility control in potentially reducing the need for lethal interventions, recognising that ongoing research is required to inform use in the ACT.
- Since the publication of the 2017 Plan, the ACT Government, in partnership with CSIRO, has expanded the work on kangaroo fertility control. Following on from successful small-scale trials, the use of GonaCon immunocontraceptive vaccine was incorporated into the ACT Government kangaroo management program for the first time in 2022.

How was the 2017 Plan developed?

- A draft Plan was released for public comment for six weeks in February 2017.

- During consultation the Conservator received 47 submissions from individuals (29), community organisations (17), and a government agency (1).
- The main changes to the final plan based on the submissions received included:
 - Text and a policy about the selected use of fencing to protect environmental values or stop the movement of kangaroos into particular land were added.
 - Information from a study on the welfare aspects of kangaroo shooting undertaken in ACT nature reserves (Hampton & Forsyth 2016) was included to address concerns about the welfare of culling and compliance with the code of practice.
 - Text stating that rural and conservation culling is audited was added.
 - The wording in the purpose of the plan was revised to acknowledge that factors other than kangaroos also influence grassy ecosystems.

How are Eastern grey kangaroos controlled?

- The ACT Government has a broad land management program designed to protect our lowland grassy ecosystems. We work closely with the community to undertake restoration activities, including planting trees and shrubs, preventing erosion and subsequent soil loss, and in managing introduced plant and animal species that pose further risks to biodiversity. Other methods such as ecological burning, strategic livestock grazing, slashing and kangaroo management are also used to ensure our grassy ecosystems provide suitable habitat conditions for supporting our unique biodiversity.
- The ACT government undertakes a range of actions to manage kangaroo grazing, including culling, fertility control and fencing.
- Rural landholders can apply for authorisation to cull kangaroos on their property.

How do you ensure kangaroo management is humane?

- Managing kangaroo populations is just one part of an integrated land management program designed to protect the ACT's grasslands and woodlands, but we understand it can be the most confronting aspect for some members of the community.
- Shooting is recognised by the RSPCA, as well as Commonwealth, State and Territory governments as the most humane method of culling currently available to us. The conservation culling program far-exceeds the requirements of the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-Commercial Purposes, and the contracted shooters and ACT Government staff involved in culling strive to improve standards continually.
- The ACT also employs additional measures so that best-practice animal welfare standards are met and exceeded. For example, kangaroo shooters in the ACT are required to pass a challenging marksmanship test and tests on the National Code of Practice and macropod identification. Additionally, the ACT is the only jurisdiction that restricts culling of female kangaroos to a specific time period each year. By completing culling operations between March and July only, we significantly reduce the risk of orphaning young in the vulnerable age bracket (aged 8-12 months old), increasing welfare outcomes for our kangaroo populations.
- Auditing processes are in place to assess compliance with the Code during rural and conservation culling.

In response to program criticism

- Extensive information about the ACT Government's Kangaroo Management Program is publicly available on the Environment website to help Canberrans better understand the program.
 - Information about kangaroo management is always available online and updated annually with operational details. This includes an extensive evidence base to support program planning, implementation and review.
 - It is at the discretion of all individuals whether they choose to engage with the program evidence provided.
 - While the government respects the right of activist groups to voice their opinions, it is integral that they refrain from disseminating misinformation.
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Bren Burkevics, Executive Group Manager EHW

5 April 2024

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed, 6 Mar 2024 20:25:39 +1100
To: Wimpenny, Claire
Subject: extra costs

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Hi Claire

The original quote was \$24000, which I figured covered about 30 days (@\$800/day).

It took me longer than that, but I think any extra time I spent on the report drafting is my own problem. So I looked instead at the time spent on consultation. I think internal consults we should ignore. For external consults - with the prep and organising for each meeting, sometimes travel time (eg to farms), and the follow up afterwards - it easily amounts to over 110 hours, or about 14 days. Lets say it was reasonable for half of that to form part of the original task, and about half was unexpected. That means 7 days extra, or \$5600 at the same rate.

So could we add \$5000 to the original quote?

Travel costs: I will list them out below. Can we please add them (\$3000) to the costs for work carried out.

That would adding \$8000 (altogether) to the original quote.

Many thanks
sarah

Travel costs

November, met ACT staff, on a trip where travel was already covered	supplier	cost
one night accommodation	Kurrajong	250
Taxi	ACTcabs	32.6
Taxi	ACTcabs	29.35
To Canberra from Gold Coast 3- 6 December 2023		
flight 3 dec 23	Jetstar	391.49
flight 6 dec	Qantas	453.98
accommodation	Quality Hotel Dickson	425.6
fuel for hire car	Ampol, airport	21.99
Hire car	Budget	197.3
To canberra from Gold Coast Jan 2024		

Flight 18 Jan 24; 20 Jan 24	Qantas	773.59
fuel for hire car	Ampol, airport	20.8
hire car	Enterprise	132.97
accommodation	Quality Hotel Dickson	310.46
	total	3040.13

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 22 Mar 2024 17:24:59 +1100
To: McIntosh, Sally
Cc: Wimpenny, Claire
Subject: RE: invoice for Independent review of the EGK Controlled Native Species Management Plan
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Dear Sally

Please find attached an invoice for the independent review of the EGK CNSMP.

Thanks for the opportunity to be part of this interesting and important work.

Sarah

Professor (Wildlife Conservation) Charles Darwin University
Honorary Professor, The Australian National University
Principal Research Fellow, University of Queensland
Biodiversity Councillor
Co-editor in chief, Wildlife Research
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From: McIntosh, Sally <Sally.McIntosh@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Wimpenny, Claire <Claire.Wimpenny@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: invoice for Independent review of the EGK Controlled Native Species Management Plan

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah,

Hope you are well.

Please email invoice directly to me.

Cheers, Sally

From: Wimpenny, Claire <Claire.Wimpenny@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]; McIntosh, Sally <Sally.McIntosh@act.gov.au>
Subject: invoice for Independent review of the EGK Controlled Native Species Management Plan

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah,
Could you please address the invoice for the Independent Review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan (RFQ number: PIEP0001281) to:

Sally McIntosh
Biosecurity and Rural Services
Resilient Landscapes, EPSDD
500 Cotter Road
Coombs ACT 2611

Sal – could you please let Sarah know if she should email the invoice to you or directly to apinvoices@act.gov.au?

Regards,

Claire Wimpenny

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Sarah Legge Environmental Consulting

Invoice to:

Biosecurity and Rural Services
Resilient Landscapes, EPSDD
500 Cotter Road
Coombs ACT 2611
Sally.McIntosh@act.gov.au

Contact: Sally McIntosh**Your ref:** RFQ number: PIEP0001281. Independent Review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan**Date:** 22 March 2024**Description of work:** External stakeholder engagement meetings (and associated travel)

Description	Amount
Prepare Workplan	\$500.00
Draft review report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review literature that has emerged since the Plan came into forceConduct targeted interviews with key internal staff and external stakeholders to gain insights and understanding on current kangaroo management activities and to obtain feedback to inform recommendations.Draft report, and include recommendations for updates to the Plan based on the steps above.	\$16,000.00
Final review report, after considering feedback from internal staff	\$7500.00
Total	\$24,000.00

Total: \$ 24,000.00 (no GST; I am not GST registered)

Terms: 14 days

Pay by direct deposit to:**With thanks, SARAH LEGGE**

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Dear Gayle

Please find attached an invoice for stakeholder engagement and travel, carried out as part of the independent review into the EGK CNSMP.

Many thanks
Sarah

Professor (Wildlife Conservation) Charles Darwin University
Honorary Professor, The Australian National University
Principal Research Fellow, University of Queensland
Biodiversity Councillor
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From: Wimpenny, Claire <Claire.Wimpenny@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]; Garrett, Gayle <Gayle.Garrett@act.gov.au>
Subject: invoice for external stakeholder engagement

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Hi Sarah,

Before we can process invoices from you, you will need to complete the New Supplier Form and enter your bank details at this link: [Oracle Supplier Request \(act.gov.au\)](#)

At the bottom of the form in 'ACT Government contact details' please select Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and in 'Government contact person email' please enter Gayle.Garrett@act.gov.au

The registered entity or business name you use on the form must match your ABN number details.

Could you please then address your invoice for External stakeholder engagement meetings (and associated travel) to:

Gayle Garrett
Office of Nature Conservation
480 Northbourne Avenue
Dickson ACT 2906

Please include separate items for your travel costs and your hours worked. I assume the approximately \$8k we discussed was exclusive of GST, so add on GST where applicable.

You can then forward the invoice directly to: apinvoices@act.gov.au

Give me a call if you have any questions.

Gayle – when this one comes through, could you please charge to 52046, thanks!

Regards,

Claire Wimpenny

Senior Ecologist

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apinvoices@act.gov.au

Contact: Gayle Garrett

Your ref: Kangaroo Management External Stakeholder Engagement

Date: 22 March 2024

Description of work: External stakeholder engagement meetings and associated travel

Description	Amount
Conduct interviews (online, and face-to-face) with external stakeholders (including rural land holders and managers of National Land, animal right and animal welfare groups, shooting contractors, conservation groups) to gain insights and understanding on current kangaroo management activities and to obtain feedback to inform recommendations in the report. Attend yarning circle organised by EPSDD.	\$5000.00
Travel to Canberra to conduct face to face interviews with external stakeholders (details on following page)	\$3000.00
Total (ex GST)	\$8000.00

Total: \$ 8,000.00 (no GST; I am not GST registered)

Terms: 14 days

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With thanks, SARAH LEGGE



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	total	3040.13



30/08/2023

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This is to certify that undermentioned Insurance Policy has been issued and is current until 4:00pm on 31/05/2024.

Insured's Name: Sarah Legge
Class: Business Liability Insurance
Policy Number: [REDACTED]
Insurer: Insurance Australia Limited T/as CGU Insurance
Period of Insurance: 31/05/2023 to 31/05/2024 at 4:00pm local standard time
Limit of Liability: Public Liability – any one occurrence \$20,000,000
Products Liability – any one period of insurance \$20,000,000
Brief Details of Cover: Liability With Respect to the Occupation of Environmental Consulting Service and Wildlife Ecologist including field work. Anywhere in Australia

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Class:	Professional Indemnity Insurance
Policy Number:	[REDACTED]
Insurer:	Insurance Australia Limited T/as CGU Insurance
Period of Insurance:	31/05/2023 to 31/05/2024 at 4:00pm local standard time
Insured's Business:	Environmental Consulting Service and Wildlife Ecologist
Limits of Indemnity:	Limit Any One Claim \$5,000,000 Aggregate Limit any one period of Insurance \$10,000,000
Basis of Limit:	Costs Inclusive
Retroactive Date:	Unlimited excluding known claims or circumstances
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Cleared with addition (added a bit more about Prof Legge's area of expertise as sourced from ANU website).

Nice work Claire, thank you.

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To Bren – for your **Category 1 clearance** (Due back to DLO RAY at MO request by COB today Fri 15 Sept 23)

NFA Tegan.

Anne

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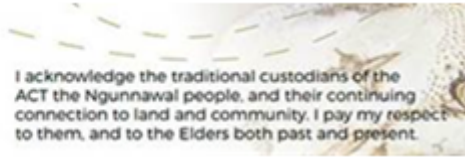
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Cleared from RL

Thanks very much all

Cheers

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Hi Chris G,

2) for clearance.

Cheers

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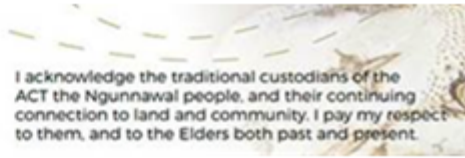
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Hi all,

Impressive turnaround 😊

I'll await Chris G's clearance before taking it to Bren.

Cheers all!

Anne

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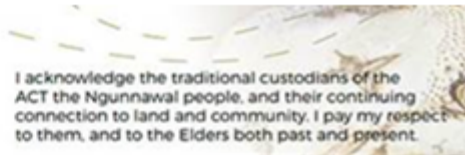
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Hi Anne, this is ready to go on our side – could you review/clear please Chris?

Thanks Claire!
Best Rosie

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Hi Rosie,
Draft response attached. Hopefully this is the level of detail they are looking for.

Regards,

Claire Wimpenny

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Hi all,

Just re-sending for tracking purposes:

TIGHT TURNAROUND PLS 23/95840 - DLO Request - Vassarotti - ADVICE FOR MO (DOTTIES) - **Process for the upcoming EGK:** Controlled Native Species Management Plan review

Due for EGM clearance this Fri 15 Sept 23 by 3pm ahead of submission back to DLO Ray by COB this same day.

Cheers all

Anne

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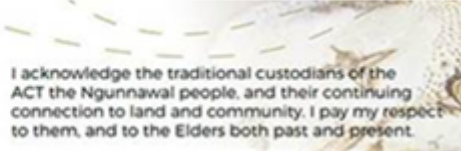
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Importance: High

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Good afternoon Bren, Anne and Rosie,

Bren, just formalising the below request into a DLO request for tracking purposes.

DLO request for action please - SA Sutton, Vassarotti Office has a brief summary (dotties) outlines **the process** (not content, not timeframes) **for the upcoming review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017**, paying particular reference to where independent review and research input into this? Minister is only looking for a few dot points to summarise the process, nothing more extensive.

Bren, FYI Paula also again raised when they MO can expect to receive the independent vet audit results as a FYI.

Dotties due by COB this Friday 15 September please – timeframe requested by MO.

Thank you.

Best,

Ray

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Subject: Requesting dot point advice on process for EGK management plan review by COB Friday

Importance: High

Hi Ray, hi Bren

Thank you all for arranging this upcoming briefing.

Further to this, can I please request a brief summary (dot points) due by COB this Friday 15th for the Minister that outlines the process (not content, not timeframes) for the upcoming review of the *Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017* paying particular reference to where independent review and research input into this? She is only looking for a few dot points to summarise the process, nothing more extensive.

Are there any updates in terms of timing for the Minister to receive the independent vet audit results?

Thank you all very much

Kind regards,

Paula

From: Sutton, Paula

Sent: Monday, 28 August 2023 12:10 PM

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Cc: VASSAROTTI <VASSAROTTI@act.gov.au>; McGucken, Connor <Connor.McGucken@act.gov.au>

Subject: Requesting verbal briefing - EGK management plan next steps

Hi Ray

Can I please request a verbal briefing for the Minister from EHW on the process and next steps for the updating of the [Nature Conservation \(Eastern Grey Kangaroo\) Controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017](#)?

Can this briefing also cover:

1. An evidence update on more recent ecosystems-focused non-lethal management practices that may be transferable to the ACT (e.g. advances in fencing etc.), and the potential to scale these up.
2. Wider community engagement, targeted stakeholder engagement, and communications/media – review of 2023 approach
- 3.** Revisiting the issue of joey licences under the Nature Conservation Act 2014

Given the comms team are in a very busy period at the moment, we are happy to shift item 2 to a session later in the year.

Finally, can I ask when the Ministers will be briefed on the independent vet audit results from 2023?

[@McGucken, Connor](#) can I please ask for an hour for this verbal briefing?

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Paula

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Response to DLO Request

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Subject: Review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Controlled Native Species Management Plan (2017)

Response:

The following steps will be undertaken to review the *Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Controlled Native Species Management Plan* (EGK:CNSMP):

- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the conservation culling program in achieving kangaroo density and grass height targets – report being prepared by the Adaptive Management Support Team in the Office of Nature Conservation.
- Independent review of the EGK:CNSMP and the culling calculator instruments by Professor Sarah Legge, an expert in terrestrial ecology/conservation and biodiversity at the ANU College of Science. This will include review of the conservation culling program evaluation report, the current methods used to estimate kangaroo abundance and calculate target densities, and will consider recent research.
- Engagement with the Ngunnawal community.
- Update of the EGK:CNSMP – The scale and process of this step will be determined by the findings of the independent review and the outcomes of the engagement with the Ngunnawal community. In accordance with the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*, the Conservator can make minor amendments to a Controlled Native Species Management Plan without undertaking public consultation. If more substantial amendments are recommended, a 6-week public consultation period will be required for the proposed new plan.
- Public release of the review findings and the updated EGK:CNSMP.

From: Burkevics, Bren
Sent: Tue, 6 Feb 2024 20:31:08 +0000
To: Sutton, Paula; Armistead, AliaM
Cc: EPSDD DLO; Wimpenny, Claire
Subject: EGK plan Independent review - Draft Report
Attachments: Kangaroo Review_20240205.docx

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Dear Paula, Alia

As discussed with the Minister yesterday, please find attached on behalf of Senior Ecologist Claire Wimpenny a draft copy of Prof Legge's report.

We provide this for your early awareness.

Please note that EHW is due to provide Prof Legge with further feedback on the draft report so it is subject to further change. On this basis, formal advice to the Minister about the report will come in due course in the form of a brief along with the final report.

However, I am comfortable in the meantime for you both to contact Claire if there is anything specific that catches your eye in the draft report.

Thanks

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Notes for EGK CNSMP review briefing – Tuesday 16th April 2024

Review recommendations

- **The following recommendations will be implemented this year:**
 - An ACT Government vet will be involved in the culling operations this year (*Recommendation 6.3*)
 - Shooter competency tests will be run annually from late 2024 and the frequency of retesting will be increased to 5 years (*Recommendation 6.5*)
 - The term ‘euthanasia’ will be replaced with ‘humane killing’ when referring to pouch young that are killed because their mothers have been shot during culling activities (*Recommendation 6.9*)
 - Communication material (e.g. website, new reports) will include information to make it clearer that kangaroo management in ACT nature reserves is one part of a broader land management program and describe how it fits into the larger context of kangaroo management, and the status of kangaroos, across the ACT (*Recommendation 2.4*); and that managing grass layer health and maintaining habitat quality for threatened species is the central conservation issue, with kangaroo management one component of this (*Recommendation 3.8*).
 - The website will be updated to better explain the goals of kangaroo management, the sophistication of the monitoring and calculation of management advice, and to make the information more accessible to the general public (*Recommendation 3.9*)
 - The possibility of having a range of messengers other than ACT Government staff to communicate about grassy ecosystem management will be explored (*Recommendation 3.11*)

- **The following recommendations will be undertaken in over the next 12 months:**
 - Carcass utilisation options will be further explored by costing the options proposed in the 2020 Australian Wildlife Services report (*Recommendation 5.3*)
 - A Standard Operating Procedure document that details the current conduct of the conservation culling operation will be prepared and reviewed by the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (*Recommendation 6.2*)

- All other recommendations will be considered during the development of the new plan, either for inclusion in the plan or for progression after the plan is finalised.
- An official government response to the review will be prepared that details the intended response and proposed timeline for each recommendation. This response document will be released publicly with the draft plan.
- A government response was not prepared for the release of the review report because we were advised that such a document would need to go to Cabinet before it could be made public. We felt this would unnecessarily delay the release of the review report.
- Some recommendations will require further funding and resources to implement, this may be sought via a future budget bid/s.

Reducing the incidence of kangaroo-vehicle collisions

- (I'm unaware of the discussion about capacity relating to the collision findings the Minister mentions in her comments)
- Options for reducing the incidence of motor vehicle collisions with kangaroos will be considered during the drafting of the new plan and will involve input from ACT Roads (TCCS) and EPSDD urban planning/design teams.
- This process will involve review of currently available and emerging wildlife collision mitigation technologies and their applicability to the ACT.
- Research will continue, including to further identify and classify common characteristics of kangaroo – vehicle collision hotspots to inform decision making around what mitigation measures might be appropriate and to guide future road design.
- Further funding will likely be required to progress work in this area, this could be sought via a future budget bid.

Timing of the culling season

- The culling season in the ACT is set for the time of year when there are fewest young kangaroos aged 8-12 months old.
- While kangaroos in this region display a strong seasonal breeding pattern, there is always some young born out of season and there is no time of year that would completely avoid young in this age bracket.
- The incident detailed in the 2023 independent vet audit of a large, furred pouch young escaping is a rare occurrence.
- Protocols are in place for dealing with large, furred pouch young and small young at foot. These have been reviewed following the 2023 program.
- Reducing the length of the culling season in the ACT would impact on the operational delivery of culling programs and is likely to not be supported by rural landholders who regularly voice that they believe the culling season should be longer.
- The ACT Government usually undertakes the reserve culling program from the middle to the end of the season. It would not be possible to undertake the program earlier in the season because:
 - It would not allow sufficient time to undertake monitoring at an appropriate time of year, prepare the management advice and complete the approval and briefing requirements - vegetation monitoring is undertaken in October-December, followed by kangaroo population estimates in December- February.
 - The program would clash with other major land management activities such as Autumn prescribed burning and aerial culling of pest species.
- The timing of the culling season will be checked periodically by measuring and aging a sample of young kangaroos humanely killed during the culling operations. This was last done in 2018 and will be repeated in 2024.

Claire, Miles

- You wanted to tell me something about last week's MR by the minister.
 - Sarah: Small working group with diverse LOCAL representation with one/two meetings to go through the alternatives, produce document to decide on best option. Include someone from animal rights/welfare end.
 - Sarah: Perhaps get gov't vets out for a proportion of shoots each year to build trust.
 - Claire: Maybe talk to Sal + Mark, as it stresses out the shooters. Sarah: The more it happens, the more they'd get used to it. Vet could be on the buggy and/or inspect more carcasses.
- When am I meeting the animal welfare advisory committee subgroup **Sch 2.2(a)(ii)**,
()
- Who else should I talk to? Claire: Comfortable with externals.
- What do you want to see come out of the review? Any messages we think could be helpful to come out of an independent review.

Culling calculator

- Why is it good to have these calculators as notifiable instruments? (Why not as updateable appendix/schedule to the Plan). "...likely to be of long-term public interest for which public accessibility and centralised management is desirable. It is not legislative in character. Not disallowable."
 - Claire: Legal advice at the time 2010 plan. The authorisations needed info from calculators, which needed to be formal. Advice was to keep separate to plan (subsidiary) that could be updated more easily than the plan itself. An appendix to the plan is more difficult to update.
- Can it be re-written (to take the focus off the roo target density, and onto the grassland monitoring?)
- Expert judgement is a major part of the final judgement, but public is unaware as too much emphasis on calculator. Change emphasis to the expert judgement, then mention cull calculator at end.
- Culling calculator also covers defence and other organisations, so we need to be careful about how specific we get to not pigeonhole other landholders to do it the same way.
- Like a decision tree, e.g. skip first four steps.
- Or, say that the aim is to have grassland like 'this'. Achieve that how you will.

Infrequent monitoring of roos in reserves other than CNP

- It seems (from the 2010 Plan) that we aren't worried about specific grazing-sensitive species in Namadgi, Tidbinbilla, and the Cotter. Is that correct?
 - Zero monitoring outside of Canberra. No known conservation issues in those grassy ecosystems, but maybe in the future... There are also dingoes.
 - Tidbinbilla spotlight counts?
 - There's the provision to cull at Tid if necessary... suspect the population crashed in previous dry years.
- What's the impediment for doing some infrequent roo monitoring (eg every 4-5 years, or when conditions change) in these areas.
 - We don't know what they're doing so could be a good idea. We asked for funding to count rural lands (including tid etc.) but didn't get it. Would be worth doing for rural lands every 10 years or so.
 - Sarah: Would be a responsible thing to do when collaborating with farmers on culling targets.
- Are there any monitoring data for these places?

Data deficit about roos on rural lands.

- Is there any pasture monitoring on rural lands?
 - No pasture monitoring. Our Veg Team have surveys on landholders (who have land management agreements), but their looking for veg condition maybe, not so much what pasture's doing.
 - The plan has provision for roo culling on rural land for economic benefit. Land management agreement says that total grazing pressure needs to be manage (purposefully kept vague and trust in landholders).
- What the scope for doing some roo control along the river corridors like Molonglo?
- Or negotiated management agreements with farms on any reserve edge

Outcome monitoring

- Any roo counts before and after culls?
 - Potentially a way to build confidence in count data???
 - Sch 1 1.14
- Grass metrics: is it grass height that you use? (Brett suggested biomass)
 - Could build in climate sensitivity perhaps...
 - Coarse patterns in climate data (eg from airport), used to make predictions at local scale?
- Grass metrics: Heterogeneity reporting – as an addition to grass height – at different spatial scales
- Grass metrics: Rapid assessment tool to expand reach of grassland monitoring with lower effort? –
- Relevance to use outside CNP
- For grazing-sensitive species...
 - what data do you realistically have to look at this?
 - Tap into COG surveys perhaps to get a good idea of an indicator to the effect of grassland management.
 - Plus - I want to suggest an idea to you.
- Reintroductions of grassland sensitive species into managed areas.
- Claire: Pink tailed worm lizards, SLLs also have been translocated. Either Offsets or Molongolo PCS team. Orchid work done. Generally bits and pieces...
- May as well translocate SLLs to a vacant patch of restored habitat.
- It's hard to detect an effect on grazing sensitive species (they're gone) so one way to test, is to put them back . Could start with plants, some with caging, some without. No welfare implications, cheaper. Easy to monitor, loss of ungagged is just good evidence of what happens with roos. Could move on to lizards/other spp.
- Claire: Tricky though with plants, because density is best with higher grazing intensity.
- Flax lilly's particularly don't do well with roos. Some other species (perhaps not threatened e.g. themeda). Think systematically, like prioritisation matrix, extend out to other grazing sensitive species, think about suitability of reserves for species.

Welfare: again I want to suggest an idea.

- Maybe have welfare as an additional focus for the plan in addition to economic and environmental (ditch social).
- Claire: Won't want it understood that we cull to reduce road collisions.
- More research to do with road collisions, Kathy Herbert – what road features can reduce road collisions? There's growing research interest in this area. New road developments are required to install friendly features. There's the new *biodiversity sensitive urban design* guidelines...
- We hear that we need wildlife corridors, but the ACT is pretty connected already – they don't really go anywhere (other than males or in dry conditions).

Comms:

- Do you have a backlog of data to write up? Do you need the time and space to do that?
 - Yep, home range paper.
- I reckon I should chat to your comms people, it can be in Jan.

Roo counts:

- Direct counts done 1-2?
- Sweep counts done once?
 - Are you happy with the replication?
 - Do you have the analysis of the cost-benefit of doing more reps of the direct and sweep counts (as referred to in the gov response to the 2014 review)...as well as the comparison of the estimation methods (referred to in Gordon et al, but I cant find the end of the citation trail).
- Ive had this comment from stakeholders: that they dont see any wallaroos in culled reserves. Have you heard this?
- What do you think about camera traps as a density estimation tool?
- Recent thesis by Matthew Johnson (Murdoch) trialed camera traps with a spatially correlated detection model vs walked transects and drone. Graeme C says they are using CTs in SE SA

- Ways of introducing some independence?
 - Drone surveys by third party
 - Some done by a separate organisation (e.g. university research group)
 - Either getting someone else to double check WLT surveys or get someone else to develop a new method (e.g. drone surveys).

Increasing tree cover reduces the biomass of the grass layer, and thus the capacity of the ecosystem to support kangaroos. Target kangaroo densities are thus adjusted as follows:

- 1 kangaroo per hectare in grasslands;
- 0.9 kangaroos/ha in grassy woodlands;
- 0.5 kangaroos/ha in woodlands;
- 0.1 kangaroos/ha in forest/open forest.

Where does this originate from? (I asked when we last spoke but I don't think we resolved it).

Do you have (and if so, pls send):

- Pulsford and Snape 2019 kangaroo management on a localised scale (unpublished report)
- Fletcher D 2006b. ? in *Caring for Namadgi: Science and People*, ed. National Parks Association of the ACT (National Parks Association of the ACT, Canberra.):pp. 61–77.
- Morgan D. G. and Pegler P. (2010) Managing a kangaroo population by culling to simulate predation. In: *Macropods. The Biology of Kangaroos, Wallabies and Rat-Kangaroos* (eds G. Coulson and M. Eldridge) pp. 349-359. CSIRO Publishing, Melbourne.
- There's apparently an unpublished report to show that rabbits eat less than roos?

Carcass

- Any thought given to processing carcasses and recycling nutrients into system (eg powdered). Whacy question, I'll explain. – shared report on carcass use?

Joey euthanasia

- Working group of RSPCA, vets, ecologists,... To assess options and make a statement

Luke's unpublished report

- Can I refer to his conference poster?

Jim H's unpublished report

- Can I refer to that as an unpublished manuscript?

Stats on roo deaths

- I want to make a table that compares, for each year, the number of roos shot (and the area of those reserves, summed), the number killed by cats, plus the number killed on farms (and their areas, summed). I think I can work it out across docs, but do you happen to have this already compiled?
- I also want to present a tabulation that shows how many roos get killed over ten years, if you hold them at ~1 roo/ha with small annual culls versus leave them and do a mass-shoot every 5 years, or 10 years. I have this vague memory ive seen something like this in your docs already? Have I? If so, where? – stated: 'population modelling shows this' in 2010 plan

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Hi Bren, hi Alex

A quick note to thank you very much for this engagement with Professor Legge and problem solving on this issue. I have a meeting with the Minister to discuss this tomorrow, and will reply to you by Tuesday afternoon at the latest. I hope this timeframe is sufficient to put arrangements in place.

Thanks
Paula

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Hi Paula, Alex

Just confirming.

1. **Out of Scope**

2. I have signed the previously viewed letter to stakeholders of the EGK CNSP and have asked these to be issued today and tomorrow. This will enable any discussion about the review to be easily discussed – the review is underway and stakeholders have been invited to participate.

Any questions or further thoughts, please let me know.

Thanks

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Subject: (request prior to annual reports) - RE: EGK CNSMP / Stakeholder Engagement and Community Consultation Proposal

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Hi Bren, hi Alex

Can I please request on behalf of the Minister an update on what information is being made public about the independent review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Plan (i.e. is this going to be on the ACT Environment website? Or something else?)? She would like to circulate this

information about the review occurring to some stakeholders to communicate that it is happening and rigour of the process.

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Thank you, and please let me know of any questions.

Kind regards,
Paula

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Thank you Bren,

This is very helpful. With these clarifications, this now meets the Minister's expectations and addresses her concerns. Please start putting this process in place and thank you in advance for updating the MO as it progresses.

Thank you again

Best wishes
Paula

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Hi Paula

Please find below information in red to address the points of clarification. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Regards

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Bren and Alex,

Thanks for this and for the follow up discussions with Professor Legge. The Minister and the MO respect this advice, thank you for working up with this solution.

It's probably worth clarifying at this stage that one of the reasons that the Minister had suggested that Professor Legge accept written submissions was to provide her with some protection. We welcome that that she is very supportive of consulting with key stakeholders to discuss their views and is comfortable with expanding the stakeholder list to include key animal rights groups.

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- Can I confirm the role of the independent reviewer in participating in dialogue in these stakeholder meetings? The first dot point seemed to be in contradiction to points two and three, had us a little confused about whether or not Professor Legge will be involved in the stakeholder dialogue meetings.
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evidence, the independent reviewer will consider that against other evidence and determine if a change needs to be made.

Happy to discuss.

The groups of stakeholders assigned to those three meetings sounds good, though I would suggest adding the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment to the first group. The rest looks great. Commissioner very good to invite.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Paula

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EGK - CNSMP Review

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Hi Paula

Thanks for the feedback – that makes perfect sense and I agree.

I expect letters will start to be issued in the next few days. We'll confirm the final and the who.

Regards

Bren

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Thanks very much Ray, Bren and Eliza

This is a good, clear letter and thank you for the early visibility. Can I suggest that a word is added to the first paragraph so this letter refers to this as 'an expert **scientific (or ecological, or technical)** independent review' to make the scope clearer (i.e. not about community attitudes or other social science aspects)?

Thank you for confirming in due course who this will be sent to. Can we please also request visibility about when this goes out?

Thanks

Kind regards,
Paula

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Subject: For Early Awareness - Draft Stakeholder Letter - Community Engagement EGK - CNSMP Review

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Hi Paula,

Please find for early awareness - draft letter prepared by the Conservator's Office, to be sent to potential interested parties in the statutory review of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan.

The team will confirm in due course who the letter is to be sent to.

Should you require any further information, Eliza or Bren (CCed in) are available to discuss.

Thank you.

Best,

Ray

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Subject: RE: Requesting dot point advice on process for EGK management plan review by COB Friday

Hi Paula

Thanks, Ray has tasked out a DLO request for this information requirement.

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Thanks

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Importance: High

Hi Ray, hi Bren

Thank you all for arranging this upcoming briefing.

Further to this, can I please request a brief summary (dot points) due by COB this Friday 15th for the Minister that outlines the process (not content, not timeframes) for the upcoming review of the *Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017* paying particular reference to where independent review and research input into this? She is only looking for a few dot points to summarise the process, nothing more extensive.

Are there any updates in terms of timing for the Minister to receive the independent vet audit results?

Thank you all very much

Kind regards,
Paula

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