



# Licence to Catch and Release Reptiles

## *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*

The following licence conditions are current at the time of publication and are subject to change at any time.

### Licence conditions

1. The licence holder must keep a true and accurate record in the Reptile Catch and Release Animal Record supplied, for each reptile caught, period held, where released, otherwise transferred and any other information requested by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). The licence holder must make each record immediately following each capture and release. The NPWS Wildlife Team must receive a copy of the record prior to renewal or termination of this licence.
2. Reptiles must not be held for longer than three days. Any reptile that needs to be held for longer than three days must be released according to licence conditions, be transferred to a wildlife rehabilitation group licensed under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or be euthanased according to the animal welfare guidelines in section 7.2. of the Code of Practice for Injured, Sick and Orphaned Protected Fauna.
3. Snakes and monitors must be released:
  - i. into an area within the species' natural distribution
  - ii. as far away from places of human occupation as possible (e.g. residences, schools, business, playing fields or playgrounds)
  - iii. within 20 kilometres of the original capture site
  - iv. where possible, out of sight of the public.
4. The local Area Manager of the NPWS is to be consulted prior to the release of reptiles into any of the NPWS managed areas.
5. Venomous reptiles transported from the capture site and to the release site must at all times be contained in a locked escape-proof container.
6. The licensee must hold current public liability insurance.
7. The licensee must maintain a current first aid certificate and carry first aid snake bite equipment when operating under the terms of this licence.
8. An authorised person operating under this licence must immediately notify the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) [invasive.species@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:invasive.species@dpi.nsw.gov.au) upon receiving knowledge of the location or the capture of a non-native reptile and follow any instructions from an officer of DPI regarding that animal.
9. Any reptile harmed and temporarily held under this licence must be kept separate from any other reptile that may also be held by the licensee (e.g. those held under a Native Animal Keepers' Licence or authorisation issued by a licensed wildlife care organisation). The tank/bag/container etc in which the reptile is temporarily held under this licence must be marked with licence number [XXX].
10. The licensee must advise in writing to the NPWS Wildlife Team any change of address within 14 days of moving.

Under section 2.14 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, it is an offence to contravene or fail to comply with a condition of this licence.