

# Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel (KMAP) Commercial



## Meeting minutes

### Details

**Meeting:** 45th Meeting – Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel (KMAP Commercial)

**Location:** Online

**Date/time:** Wednesday 12 November 2025

**Chairperson:** Tanya Stephens

### People present

**Tanya Stephens**, Dr., Australian Veterinary Association

**Steven McLeod**, Dr., Scientific community

**Liz Arnott**, Dr., NSW RSPCA

**Doug Jobson**, Australian Wild Game Industry Council

**Gerard Glover**, NSW Farmers

**Greg Rogers**, NSW Farmers

**Steve Johnstone**, NSW PKH Licensee

**Graeme White**, Director Compliance & Licensing, Department of Climate Change, Energy, The Environment and Water (DCCEEW)

**Adam Oehlman**, Snr Team Leader, NSW Commercial Kangaroo Management Program (KMP) DCCEEW

**Sheridan Maher**, Snr Policy Officer, KMP, DCCEEW

**Jessica Fuller**, Project Officer, KMP, DCCEEW

### Guests/presenters/observers

none

### Apologies

**Thomas Newsome**, Dr., Scientific community

**Erlina St Vincent**, Dr., Regional NSW

**Garry Trindall**, Aboriginal Communities

**James Meyers**, NSW PKH Licensee



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Item	Decision/Action	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tanya advised that she gave her yearly (now 7<sup>th</sup>) lecture on kangaroo management to University of Sydney Masters of Sustainability students (approx. 120 students).</li> <li>Crops in northern NSW are looking good. Brewarrina area - pig numbers are on the rise, so too kangaroos and emus. Very few if any commercial harvesters in the area. Locals think there should be a commercial market for kangaroos in the area.</li> </ul>		
<p>4. <b>KMP Team Leader's report</b> – presented by Adam</p> <p>Presentation covered the following:</p> <p><b>Current stats – compared to end of 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>407 licensed harvesters (431 end of 2024)</li> <li>18 animal dealers (21 end of 2024)</li> <li>97 licensed premises (98 end of 2024)</li> <li>2,354 properties with landholder consents (2,273 end of 2024)</li> <li>Tags allocated 643,097 (561,679 end of 2024)</li> <li>Kangaroos harvested 529,670 (544,317 harvested in 2024)</li> <li>Tags allocated and yet to be harvested – 113,427</li> </ul> <p><b>2025 Aerial Surveys and 2026 quotas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western plains zones were surveyed in July and August</li> <li>Northern Tablelands were surveyed in September</li> <li>Both surveys were conducted by EcoKnowledge following an advertised competitive procurement process that was undertaken early this year.</li> <li>Population estimates have decreased for all species in most zones.</li> <li>Quotas for 2026 are therefore lower for all species in most zones.</li> <li>For the majority of zones, the quotas remain higher than the annual harvest of recent years.</li> <li>The survey results will be peer reviewed, and the outcome shared with KMAP members.</li> <li>The Quota Report is being prepared and will be circulated when approved for publishing.</li> </ul> <p><b>2025/26 licence renewals, tags and compliance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Licence Conditions</b> have been reviewed with some minor amendments. The 2026 conditions will be provided to licensees and uploaded to the KMP website. Of note is a change to how untagged or incorrectly tagged carcasses are treated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carcasses will be processed rather than destroyed.</li> <li>Compliance action will still be taken where a breach of licence conditions has occurred.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Review of survey results to be circulated when available</p> <p>2026 Quota Report to be circulated when available</p>	<p>Adam</p> <p>Sheridan</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carcass tags</b> – following a procurement process that included testing of sample tags by a selection of harvesters, a supplier has been selected to provide carcass tags for the next three years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tags are similar to the current style but with an adhesive on both sides.</li> <li>○ There is no change to tag prices for 2026.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Compliance enforcement priorities in 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enforcing mandatory monthly reporting has resulted in significant improvements</li> <li>○ A three-phase field-based inspection operation was conducted during 2025, ensuring the WTMP performance indicators are met. Very low non-compliance was found, limited mainly to minor administrative breaches.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p>5. <b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NSW Upper House Inquiry into Licences to harm native animals.</b> Submissions close 19 December 2025.</li> <li>• <b>NSW Wildlife Trade Management Plan</b> – the Department will need to submit a new draft plan to the Australian Government's Wildlife Trade Office in late April/May of next year to allow for the mandatory 4 week public exhibition and submission process, ahead of finalising a plan for assessment and approval later in the year. The department will seek advice from the KMAP on a new plan, with a formal process to occur in the first quarter of 2026.</li> </ul>	KMP to organise a facilitated session with the KMAP to review the current WTMP in March 2026.	Adam

## Items to be carried over to next meeting, and for action

Items/actions	Responsible	Status
1. Any updated forms to be emailed to Sheridan	As applicable	–
2. Update KMAP on progress of PhD scholarships	Adam/Sheridan	–
3. Circulate review of survey results to KMAP members	Adam	–
4. Provide link to 2026 quota report when available	Sheridan	–
5. Canvas KMAP members for March meeting date – review of Wildlife Trade Management Plan	Sheridan	–

Meeting closed at 10:30am

## Next meeting

**March/April 2026** – to be confirmed.

**Location** – to be confirmed.