


Pest Animal Control Policy		 Longreach Regional Council <small>Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yarak</small>
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SCOPE

This policy guides the efficient and humane control of pest animals throughout the Longreach Regional Council area.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Medicines and Poisons Act 2019

Stock Route Management Act 2002

Animal Care and Protection Act 2001

Biosecurity Act 2014

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Land Act 1994

Local Government Regulation 2012

Medicines and Poisons Regulation 2021

Stock Management Regulation 2003

Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2012

Biosecurity Regulation 2016

Nature Conservation Act 1992

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Pest Animal Bounty Policy 05-03

Central West Biosecurity Plan

Debt Recovery Policy 01-12

DEFINITIONS

Baiting – an authorised officer under the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* may give prepared baits containing not more than 0.05% fluoroacetic acid to another person (the user) to control invasive animals.

Council – Longreach Regional Council.

Feral Pigs – refers collectively to the species *Sus Scrofa*, including domestic pigs that have escaped or been deliberately released, which are not considered to be domesticated

Meat Substrate – Meat pieces that are used for the purpose of pest animal baiting, and has been injected with the relevant chemical.

QH – Queensland Health

Syndicate – a group of landholders cooperating to control feral animal.

Spot Bait – A baiting event with one or more landholders outside of the coordinated baiting campaign.

Coordinated Baiting Campaign – Baiting campaign that is coordinated by Council at scheduled times of the year as indicated by QH.

Wild Dog – refers collectively to purebred dingoes (*Canis familiaris dingo*, *Canis lupus dingo*) dingo hybrids, and domestic dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) that have escaped or been deliberately released.

POLICY STATEMENT

All baiting is held in accordance with legislative guidelines.

All meat supplied utilised for baiting must be in line with the size specifications set by QH.

Coordinated Baiting Campaigns

1. Council will coordinate two baiting campaigns annually.
2. Council will fully fund only one baiting campaign annually, which may include the supply of aircraft, fuel, staff, meat substrate (both dog and pig) and chemical.
3. For the second annual coordinated baiting campaign:
 1. Council's assistance shall be limited to the supply of aircraft, fuel, staff and chemical, provided that the landowner/s are participants in the campaign;
 2. Council may purchase and supply meat to participants if requested, however the full cost of any meat purchased shall be recoverable from the requesting participant;
4. It is the responsibility of the landholder participating in a coordinated baiting campaign to ensure an Authority to Sign form has been completed and the nominated person is in attendance on the day of baiting;
5. Failure of the participating landholder to sign their Deed Poll or to provide an Authority to Sign form prior to the baiting day will result in the distribution of the substrate on another property as directed by Council's Authorised Person, at the expense of the landholder who ordered the meat.

Spot Baiting

1. A landholder may request a spot baiting event outside of the coordinated baiting campaign. Approval for the spot baiting will be at Council's discretion, considering available resources.
2. Council may supply meat if available, with the cost of the meat recoverable from the landholder.
3. Spot Baits will be conducted via arrangement with the Regulatory Services department .

Syndicate – Wild Dog Baiting Requirements

1. It is the responsibility of the Syndicate Leader to:
 - a) Obtain the meat substrate orders from participating landholders and return them to the Rural Lands Officer by the specified date
 - b) Engage with new landholders in their Syndicate Areas
 - c) Ensure the ordered meat substrate is collected from the specified location prior to the commencement of their baiting day and appropriately prepared prior to the Council Officer's arrival
 - d) Water is available for wash down i.e. slip-on unit
 - e) Coordinate on-site assistance from participating landholders
 - f) Work with the Rural Lands Officer to ensure all maps and Authority to Sign Forms are correct and up-to-date prior to commencement.
2. Participating Landholders must ensure they assist the Syndicate Leader in the:
 - a) Collecting the meat from the specified location
 - b) Spreading the meat out on drying racks
 - c) Attendance on the day to assist with baiting activities
 - d) Signing of their Deed Polls
 - e) Confirming their maps with the Syndicate Leader or airplane operator.

Authorised by resolution as at 25 January 2023:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Walsh', written in a cursive style.

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer