


Pest Animal Bounty Policy		 Longreach Regional Council <small>Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yarak</small>
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PURPOSE

The key objectives of the Pest Animal Bounty Policy are to:

- Ensure best practice in the management of pest animal control
- Enhance, protect and sustain environment
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements
- Ensure procedure and data collection are improved

SCOPE

This policy supports landholders in meeting legislative requirements under *Biosecurity Act 2014* for the control of invasive pest animals.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2012

Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2012

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Land Act 1994

Biosecurity Act 2014

Biosecurity Regulation 2016

DEFINITIONS

Applicant - Longreach Regional Council Landholder

Bounty - A predetermined amount of money paid to an individual upon satisfactory evidence of the destruction of a specified animal.

Contract Trapper - A pest animal trapper engaged by Council.

Council - Longreach Regional Council

Feral Cats - refers collectively to the species *Felis catas*, including domestic cats that have escaped or been deliberately released, which are not considered to be domesticated.

Pest animal - refers to animal species that occur beyond their natural range and have the potential to cause significant adverse economic, environmental, and social impacts. Pest animals are considered to be invasive and may also be referred to as 'feral'.

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

The Pest Animal Bounty provides an incentive to Landholders and community members, promoting a collaborative approach for the control and reduction of pest animal species located on properties.

The amounts payable for the bounty of pest animals taken within the Longreach Regional Council area, payable at the following rate per animal:

- a) Wild Dogs \$30.00 exc. GST
- b) Feral Cats \$10.00 exc. GST

Pest animal bounty payments are not available for collection by Contract Trappers of Council.

Bounty Claim Conditions

- 1) Bounty applicants must comply with and complete the procedures associated with verification and recording of pest animals.
- 2) Bounty Claim Form must be signed by landholder or manager of the property confirming the pest animal is from their property; approved form provided by Council.
- 3) GPS points must be supplied for each taken pest animal.
- 4) Scalp retained from the taken pest animal and handed over to Authorised Officers as part of the verification process must be in line with Council's related procedure.

Accounts

- 1) The Authorised Officer returns the completed Bounty Claim Form to the relevant delegated financial Officer to be signed for payment approval.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Central West Biosecurity Plan

Authorised by resolution as at Thursday 23 January 2025:



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Chief Executive Officer