

Notice

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Section 11 of Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017

Harvest period notice for taking macropods in 2026

This notice is issued under section 11 of Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017 for declaring a period to be a harvest period for taking macropods

1. 2026 Harvest Period

Under section 11 of the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017, the chief executive declares a 2026 harvest period for the harvest of macropods, subject to conditions of the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017 and this notice.

The 2026 harvest period for a harvest macropod in the harvest zones will open on the 1 January 2026 and close on the 31 December 2026. The chief executive may publish a further notice stating the harvest period for a harvest macropod for a zone ends on a stated day before 31 December, if the chief executive is satisfied:

- the maximum take number for the harvest macropod in the harvest zone will be taken in 2026 by the stated date; or
- it is necessary to end the harvest period for the harvest macropod for the harvest zone on the stated day because an event has reduced or is likely to reduce the population size for the macropod in the zone.

Examples of an event:

- a flood
- a disease outbreak

If an early closure notice is published, it will be published on the relevant website on or before the day the harvest period ends and macropod harvesters will be notified in writing at least 7 days before the day the harvest period ends. The harvest macropod species that may be taken during the harvest period are:

- eastern grey kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*); or
- red kangaroo (*Osphranter rufus*); or
- common wallaroo (*Osphranter robustus*).

2. Harvest zones

Under section 12 of the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017, the chief executive declares the following zones as a harvest zone for the 2026 harvest period.

Harvest zone means:

- Zone 1; or
- Zone 2; or
- Zone 3; or
- Zone 4; or
- Zone 5.

The harvest zone is the area consisting of each local government area mentioned in Table 1.

Table 1: Macropod harvest zones and local government areas.

Harvest Zone	Local government areas
Zone 1	Boulia, Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Diamantina and Mount Isa
Zone 2	Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Flinders, Longreach, McKinlay, Richmond and Winton
Zone 3	Bulloo, Murweh, Paroo and Quilpie
Zone 4	Balonne, Goondiwindi, Maranoa and Western Downs
Zone 5	Banana, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Central Highlands, Charters Towers, Croydon, Etheridge, Gladstone, Isaac, Livingstone, Lockyer Valley, Mackay, North Burnett, Rockhampton, Scenic Rim, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Toowoomba and Whitsunday

3. Maximum take number

Under section 12 of the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017, the chief executive declares the following maximum take numbers for the harvest macropod species, that may be taken during the 2026 harvest period.

Maximum take number means:

- for an eastern grey kangaroo:
 - for zone 2—7.5% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 3—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 4—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 5—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
- for a red kangaroo:
 - for zone 1—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 2—20% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 3—20% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 4—20% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 5—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
- for a common wallaroo:
 - for zone 1—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 2—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 3—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 4—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or
 - for zone 5—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

The estimated population size, for a harvest macropod in a harvest zone, means the population size estimated by the Department of the Environment, Technology, Science and Innovation in 2025 for the macropod species in the zone for 2026. The estimated population and quota numbers for 2026 are displayed in Table 2.

Table 2: Average population density and abundance estimates for 2025 and approved sustainable use quotas for the 2026 commercial harvest. Quotas are rounded to the nearest 50.

Species	Zone	Density (per km ²)	Population estimate	Harvest %	Quota
Eastern grey kangaroo	Zone 1	0	0	NA	NA
	Zone 2	2.13	590,888	7.5% ¹	44,300
	Zone 3	2.78	493,802	15%	74,050
	Zone 4	37.22	5,349,452	15%	802,400
	Zone 5	15.93	4,735,043	10%	473,500
Red kangaroo	Zone 1	4.17	748,538	10%	74,850
	Zone 2	11.12	3,710,601	20%	742,100
	Zone 3	9.42	1,768,740	20%	353,750
	Zone 4	5.09	574,221	20%	114,850
	Zone 5	1.10	154,229	10%	15,450
Common wallaroo	Zone 1	0.37	122,853	10%	12,300
	Zone 2	2.08	598,006	15%	89,700
	Zone 3	0.65	109,752	15%	16,450
	Zone 4	0.50	39,743	15%	5,950
	Zone 5	0.57	312,280	10%	31,250

¹ Low population threshold reached – quota is reduced by 50%.

4. Conditions on taking or using harvest macropods

Under section 13 of the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017, the chief executive declares the following conditions on the taking of harvest macropods during the 2026 harvest period:

- The holder of a macropod harvesting licence must not take:
 - an eastern grey kangaroo from Zone 1

5. Minimum area of skin

There is no minimum area of skin of a harvest macropod.

6. Minimum whole weight

There is no minimum whole weight for the carcass of a harvest macropod.

7. Minimum dressed weight

There is no minimum dressed weight for a harvest macropod.

8. Dictionary

The following is a list of particular words used in this notice and their definition.

Relevant website means:

- the website of the department responsible for administering the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*: or
- www.qld.gov.au

9. Expiry

This notice expires on 31 December 2026.