

Feral cat eradication Kangaroo Island

VISION

Kangaroo Island is free of feral cats and there is complete compliance with requirements for domestic cat ownership under Kangaroo Island Council's Animal Management Plan.



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Key outcomes

- Landscape-scale eradication of feral cats from Kangaroo Island
- Protection of Kangaroo Island's unique biodiversity and ecosystems
- Protection of livestock health and primary production income
- Enhancing of the value of the Kangaroo Island brand (clean and green, natural, pristine)
- Improved ecotourism credibility
- Reduction of the social impacts of feral cats
- Community and stakeholder involvement maintained and supported
- Enforcement of good legislation and local government by-laws to ensure domestic cats do not contribute to the feral cat problem.

Unique opportunity

- defined, enforceable border (being an island)
- supportive local government on domestic cat management
- community support for both domestic and feral cat control
- long history of feral cat management and research on the island to inform control techniques
- foxes, wild dogs and rabbits are absent from the island so will not confound monitoring and control activities
- support from key stakeholders who are collaborating with the project to ensure Kangaroo Island is feral cat free by 2030.

3 Stages

- 2015– 2018 Trial feral cat control techniques, establish baseline monitoring programs and establish a process for gradual phasing out of all cats.
- 2018– 2021 Eradicate feral cats from the Dudley Peninsula, monitor success of control and implement a gradual phasing out of all cat ownership.
- 2021–2030 Eradicate feral cats from Kangaroo Island, monitor success of control and implement a gradual phasing out of all cat ownership.

Key partners



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