

POL-LP-1.15 Kangaroo Management

1. PURPOSE

To provide guidance for the preparation of kangaroo management plans that would be requested by the City to support structure plans or subdivision and development applications for bulk earthworks where the clearing of vegetation is proposed.

A kangaroo management plan should be developed addressing the key management principles set out in Part 3.1 of this policy and include the management measures listed in the provision of Part 3.2. This management plan should comprise part of a fauna management plan to be submitted to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for assessment.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to ensure the effective management of kangaroos by the landowners and/or developers of land proposed for urban development such that impacts arising for displaced kangaroos are minimised.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

The protection and management of kangaroos present on a site awaiting or undergoing development is the objective of this policy. To ensure this protection and management is undertaken, the following policy provisions apply.

3.1 Management Principles

- 3.1.1 The responsibility for the management of kangaroos exists solely with the owner of the land and not the community and/or the City of Swan.
- 3.1.2 Kangaroos must be managed in a proactive manner by the developer or land owner prior to the removal of any vegetation or disturbance of habitat.
- 3.1.3 Kangaroos must not be allowed to remain unmanaged within a developed area.
- 3.1.4 Kangaroo management is to occur as early as possible in the planning and development stages before any development or clearing takes place. A kangaroo management plan is to be submitted by the landowner/developer to the City of Swan, for comment to the DBCA, prior to any site works commencing and cannot be delayed to the final development stages.
- 3.1.5 'Directional clearing' (referring to the method of land clearing in a predetermined direction in order to displace kangaroo populations into surrounding habitat) will not be considered as an acceptable sole method of management; and
- 3.1.6 Kangaroos shall always be managed in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. Costs associated with the appropriate and humane management of kangaroos are considered to be a normal cost of development borne by the developer.

In considering the appropriate management of kangaroos, it should be noted that the City of Swan has a clear preference for the relocation of viable populations over other methods of management.

3.2 Management Measures

- 3.2.1 Prior to any disturbance or clearing of existing vegetation and/or habitat and/or provision of approvals to commence modification of a site, the following measures listed in POL-LP-1.15 Kangaroo Management Local Planning Policy must be included within the kangaroo management plan and are required to be undertaken by a suitably qualified contractor/consultant as determined by the DBCA on behalf of the landholders/landowners.
- 3.2.2 Utilising appropriate methods, survey the number of kangaroos contained on the site/property intended to be cleared and developed, and document appropriately including potential impacts to kangaroos and how those impacts will be avoided or minimised. The documentation must include discussion regarding the viability (or otherwise) of relocation as an option for the kangaroos present (as a mob or individually).
- 3.2.3 Where required kangaroo proof fencing should be installed to the satisfaction of the City of Swan prior to the disturbance of existing habitat where kangaroos are known to be present. The landowner/proponent must ensure that any fenced areas contain adequate food, water and shade to support the kangaroo population present. Fencing needs to encompass the entire perimeter of the landholding to be disturbed and needs to be in place for the duration of site works across all stages of development. Fencing will include signage at intervals of 75 metres or intervals as required by the City to direct all enquiries to the developer/landowner and the DBCA.
- 3.2.4 Consideration of all available options for effective and humane management must be demonstrated in the kangaroo management plan. If the satisfactory relocation of kangaroos is not possible, the advice of the DBCA and experienced wildlife management practitioners should be sought to develop alternative options for management.
- 3.2.5 In development areas with multiple landowners and where differing development timings arise, a collaborative management approach must be demonstrated to the City.
- 3.2.6 Advise the City accordingly of the final management plan prior to enacting the plan and when required, obtain appropriate authorisation and/or licences for the management of kangaroos from the DBCA.
- 3.2.7 Undertake the management program in accordance with applicable permits or licenses on advice from the DBCA.

3.3 Implementation and Monitoring

- 3.3.1 The standard monitoring period for a site that is subject to kangaroo management will be 3 years, unless otherwise agreed by Council. At the time of handover of a site to the City, this monitoring period may be extended until such time as kangaroos are adequately managed in accordance with the approved kangaroo management plan.
- 3.3.2 A final kangaroo management report is to be submitted by the developer to the DBCA at the time of handover of the site. The report is to provide a reference for monitoring and improving future kangaroo management plans and is to include the success or otherwise of the management plan that was applied to the site.

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