

Interaction plan

Wildlife management

Commercial wildlife licence (wildlife interaction)

Interaction plan template

To obtain a commercial wildlife licence (wildlife interaction), you are required to submit an interaction plan for approval which outlines the arrangements you have or will put in place to manage this activity. An outline of the information required in the plan is provided in the template below. Please provide sufficient information to enable an assessment to be made.

The interaction plan is not a licence. If the chief executive approves your interaction plan, you will still require a commercial wildlife licence (wildlife interaction) to engage in the interaction. If you obtain a licence you will be required to comply with your interaction plan.

If you are an exhibitor you will need to have your wildlife interaction plan approved before you can commence interaction activities but you will not require a separate licence.

If you use this template, you may submit your application for a licence at the same time. If you choose to use a different format, you will need to have the interaction plan approved before submitting your application for a licence. Additionally, it will be necessary for you to address all the issues set out in this template.

1. Applicant name:

2. Activity location: (Note a separate plan is required for each activity)

Address where activity will take place

3. Species: (Include targeted and any likely incidental species)

Species	Indicate if the animal is known to be —	
	Dangerous	Venomous

Please note that it is prohibited under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 to feed species that are dangerous, venomous or capable of injuring a person and a licence is not available in relation to these species.

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4. Description of Activity: (Provide relevant information for the following topics)

<p>4.1 What types of interaction are you planning to engage in, how will the interaction be conducted, and by whom?</p> <p>Please provide detailed information on a separate sheet if necessary.</p>	
<p>4.2 If your activity involves the feeding of wildlife, provide details on the proposed:</p> <p>food/diet type and amount;</p> <p>regularity of feeding and time of day; and</p> <p>anticipated numbers to be fed.</p>	
<p>4.3 How do you intend to ensure the likelihood of illness to wildlife is minimised? For example, what are your arrangements for cleaning the feeding containers, and/or the feeding area?</p>	
<p>4.4 Interacting with wildlife can be dangerous, both to wildlife and people participating in the activity. There may be certain things you could do to minimise the likelihood of harm occurring. How do you intend to manage the activity to ensure risks to wildlife and people are minimised?</p>	
<p>4.5 Do you have any public liability insurance that protects you in the event that people are injured while participating in the wildlife interaction you propose?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please attach details of the insurance policy.</p>
<p>4.6 Attracting wildlife to feeding sites can create human health and safety hazards e.g. wildlife may walk across a highway or approach your premises potentially causing a traffic hazard.</p> <p>Does your proposed activity cause the animal to move from the place where it is located to the place where you will provide the food in a way in which the movement of the animal results in danger to human health and safety?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please provide further information and give details of how this hazard will be eliminated.</p>
<p>4.7 Please enclose a site plan identifying the place where you intend to conduct your activity, the location of the animals roosting/breeding sites and any hazards that wildlife may have to negotiate between the feeding site and their roosting/breeding site.</p>	<p>Have you attached a site plan?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

5. Wildlife management issues

(Please provide statements addressing the consideration of the following issues):

<p>5.1 Interacting with wildlife may cause changes in animal behaviour. It may, for example, influence animal migratory behaviour, change the animal's</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please provide further information.</p>
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<p>abundance in the immediate area or reduce the need for the animal to forage.</p> <p>For example, a large concentration of the more aggressive feeders such as currawongs, crows or magpies may promote fighting, territorial disputes and displacement of less aggressive species.</p> <p>Are there any foreseeable impacts on the behaviour or conservation of animals in the local area resulting from your activity?</p>	
<p>5.2 Your interaction plan outlines your intention to interact with a particular species of animal. Is it likely that any other species will also become involved with this activity?</p> <p>For example, feeding may attract large numbers of common brushtail possums. This could then result in other species of arboreal mammals or birds having difficulty competing for scarce resources such as nest hollows with such a super-abundant and aggressive rival.</p> <p>If yes, what species do you think may become involved and how do you intend to manage the issue?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please provide further information.</p>
<p>5.3 From time to time, an animal that is sick or injured may be encountered as part of your activity.</p> <p>For example, a pelican that presents itself with fishing hooks and tackle entanglement.</p> <p>In the event that this occurs, what are your arrangements for having the animal assessed and treated by an appropriately skilled person (e.g. a local veterinary surgeon, wildlife carer)?</p>	
<p>5.4 Some animals may carry zoonotic diseases (diseases that can be transmitted from animal to humans).</p> <p>For example, diseases such as the highly contagious psittacosis and psittacine beak and feather syndrome can be spread by contact, feather dander, saliva or droppings.</p> <p>What measures are you proposing to take that will minimise the likelihood of the spread of any zoonotic disease?</p>	

Please note: Feeding or otherwise interacting with wildlife may cause unforeseen problems (i.e. wildlife may become a danger or nuisance to people as a result). Should this occur, DERM expects licence holders to take all reasonable steps to manage this impact.

If the problem is not resolved adequately, the chief executive may consider not reviewing the licence on its expiry.

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6 Consultation: (please provide the following)

<p>6.1 Please provide written notice from the local government in the area where you propose to undertake your activity stating that what you are proposing to do complies with all relevant local laws.</p>	<p>Is written confirmation attached?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>6.2 There are a number of environmental and nuisance laws that you must comply with. These include noise, odour, waste management and water quality.</p> <p>Have you sought advice from your relevant government authority that your activity will be in compliance with environmental and nuisance laws?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please attach details.</p>
<p>6.3 Are there any likely impacts on your neighbour or adjoining landholders arising from your activity?</p> <p>In the event that your activity has impacts on adjoining landholders, what steps do you intend to take to mitigate the problem?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please provide further information.</p>
<p>6.4 If your activity causes any dispute, you will be required to resolve the matter with the complainant.</p> <p>Are you willing to engage in dispute resolution to resolve the issue?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>6.5 If you are proposing to undertake this activity on public land or land you do not own, do you have the written permission of the landholder to do the activity?</p>	<p>Is landholder permission required?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, is written permission attached?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

7 Education (please provide details of the proposed activity in relation to the following)

<p>7.1 What information will be delivered to the clients at each interaction session?</p> <p>activities occurring under an approved interaction plan;</p> <p>information about the ecological role of the wildlife; and</p> <p>education and conservation of the wildlife.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>7.2 Provide a copy of any promotional materials. Key messages and/or signage associated with the activity.</p>	<p>Are promotional materials and/or copies of signage attached?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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8. Monitoring requirements if a licence is granted.

Please note: If you are granted a licence, you will need to keep records. These records must address issues or problems you encounter during your activities. These might include, for example:

Numbers of animals fed;

Illness or injury of animals that are being interacted with;

Incidences of aggression by animals being interacted with against the holder's clients participating in the activities;

Any complaint by a member of the public about the impact of the activities on the member's lifestyle or interests.

Records must be available for inspection by a Conservation Officer on request.

CHECKLIST

The checklist below identifies the supporting documents you need to provide to enable assessment of your interaction plan. You are required to attach all information on the checklist unless it is not relevant to your operation.

- Site plan
- Insurance policy
- Local authority confirmation that the activity complies with relevant local laws
- Copies of any permits or licences required by local authorities
- Written permission from landholder of property if relevant
- Promotional materials.

Applicant's name:
Applicant's signature:
Date: