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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

**STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

TRIAL USE OF 1080 TO CONTROL FERAL GOATS (752)

AGRICULTURE PROTECTION BOARD

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1 Proponent Commitments

The proponent has made a number of environmental management commitments in order to protect the environment.

- 1-1 In implementing the proposal, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments made in the Public Environmental Review and in response to issues raised following public submissions; provided that the commitments are not inconsistent with the conditions or procedures contained in this statement. These commitments are consolidated in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 719 as Appendix 4. (A copy of the commitments is attached.)

2 Implementation

Changes to the proposal which are not substantial may be carried out with the approval of the Minister for the Environment.

- 2-1 Subject to these conditions, the manner of detailed implementation of the proposal shall conform in substance with that set out in any designs, specifications, plans or other technical material submitted by the proponent to the Environmental Protection Authority with the proposal. Where, in the course of that detailed implementation, the proponent seeks to change those designs, specifications, plans or other technical material in any way that the Minister for the Environment determines on the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, is not substantial, those changes may be effected.

3 Proponent

These conditions legally apply to the nominated proponent.

- 3-1 No transfer of ownership, control or management of the project which would give rise to a need for the replacement of the proponent shall take place until the Minister for the Environment has advised the proponent that approval has been given for the nomination of a replacement proponent. Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

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4 Monitoring

Monitoring of the impacts of the feral goat poisoning programme on native animals is required.

- 4-1 Prior to commencing the poisoning operations, the proponent shall prepare a monitoring programme in consultation with the Department of Conservation and Land Management to determine the impacts of the poisoning operations in terms of non-target primary (animals drinking from poisoned troughs) and secondary (animals feeding on poisoned goat carcasses) poisoning deaths, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment.

This programme shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- 1 records being kept of animals seen drinking at poisoned troughs, as can be practically attended to by Agriculture Protection Board officers;
 - 2 collection and counting of mammal, bird, reptile and invertebrate carcasses within reasonable range of poisoned troughs;
 - 3 Agriculture Protection Board officers inspecting poisoned troughs during each day of operations as is practicable; and
 - 4 reporting of monitoring results.
- 4-2 The proponent shall implement the monitoring programme referred to in condition 4-1 to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment.

5 Review

- 5-1 Within six months of the completion of two years of operations, the proponent shall prepare a review of the feral goat poisoning programme in consultation with the Department of Conservation and Land Management and to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Authority. This review shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- 1 an analysis of the monitoring results obtained from the monitoring programme required by condition 4-1;
- 2 a report of the secondary invertebrate and tertiary poisoning risks, based on a survey of available monitoring and research data; and
- 3 a report on the effectiveness of the poisoning operations.

6 Time Limit on Approval

The environmental approval for this proposal is limited.

- 6-1 If the proponent has not substantially commenced the project within five years of the date of this statement, then the approval to implement the proposal as granted in this statement shall lapse and be void. The Minister for the Environment shall determine any question as to whether the project has been substantially commenced. Any application to extend the period of five years referred to in this condition shall be made before the expiration of that period, to the Minister for the Environment by way of a request for a change in the condition under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act. (On expiration of the five year period, further consideration of the proposal can only occur following a new referral to the Environmental Protection Authority.)

7 Compliance Auditing

In order to ensure that environmental conditions and commitments are met, an audit system is required.

- 7-1 The proponent shall prepare periodic "Progress and Compliance Reports" and provide results of the monitoring programmes, to help verify the environmental performance of this project, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority.

Procedure

- 1 The Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for verifying compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, with the exception of conditions stating that the proponent shall meet the requirements of either the Minister for the Environment or any other government agency.
- 2 If the Environmental Protection Authority, other government agency or proponent is in dispute concerning compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, that dispute will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.
- 3 The Minister for the Environment will request the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority in accordance with Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act on whether any changes should be made to these conditions, based on the review required by condition 5-1.

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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Environmental Commitments

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The proponent has made the following commitments:

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

- 1 Pastoral properties on which 1080 feral goat control poisoning operations are carried out, and adjacent pastoral properties, are to be gazetted in the Government Gazette as properties from which goats may not be taken for the duration of the poisoning operations and for one week after the completion of the poisoning operations.
- 2 One week before poisoning operations commence public notices are to be printed in 'The West Australian' newspaper and in a newspaper local to the area of the poisoning operations. These public notices are to advertise the prohibition of removing, or consuming, feral goats from the gazetted pastoral properties for the duration of the poisoning operations, and for one week thereafter. These public notices are also to explain the hazards of contravening the prohibition.
- 3 Prominent warning signs are to be placed on all public roads leading into gazetted pastoral properties at least one day before commencement of poisoning operations. These signs are to advertise the prohibition of removing, or consuming, feral goats from the gazetted pastoral properties and are to also explain hazards of contravening the prohibition.
- 4 The transportable poison water tanks and poison troughs used for 1080 feral goat control are to be clearly labelled stating that they contain the 1080 poisoned water and explain the health hazards of consuming 1080 poisoned water. This label will include the 'skull and crossbones' symbol to inform illiterate people of the poison hazard.

PROTECTION OF NATIVE WILDLIFE

- 5 The concentration of sodium monofluoroacetate used in the 1080 feral goat control is to be 7 milligrams per litre of water, with variance not greater than 0.25 milligrams per litre.
- 6 Activation period of 1080 feral goat control poison stations is to be no greater than 5 hours and 30 minutes per day.
- 7 Activation of 1080 feral goat control poison stations for morning poisoning operations is to be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 8 An introduced (unfamiliar) trough only is to be used as the feral goat poisoning trough at poison stations.

- 9 A non-poisoned water trough is to be available for birds to drink from while poisoning stations are activated.
- 10 A permanent trough only is to be used as the bird watering trough at poison stations.
- 11 Agriculture Protection Board poisoning officers are to remain present at deactivated poison stations until all poisoned water emptied out of poisoning troughs and poison water tanks has completely infiltrated into the soil and no free standing poisoned water is present.
- 12 1080 feral goat control poison stations activated for afternoon poisoning operations are to be deactivated no later than sunset.
- 13 All 1080 feral goat control poison stations activated for afternoon poisoning operations are to be monitored by an Agricultural Protection Board poisoning officer.
- 14 Any native fauna being at risk of being poisoned at a poison station, which is activated during an afternoon poisoning operation are to be scared away by the Agricultural Protection Board poisoning officer monitoring the poison station so they are not poisoned.

ADHERENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF POISONING OPERATIONS

- 15 1080 feral goat control operations are to be conducted only by certified Agriculture Protection Board poisoning officers. 1080 Feral Goat Control certification is to be gained only by Agriculture Protection Board officers who have successfully completed the 1080 Feral Goat Control training course.
- 16 Agriculture Protection Board poisoning officers are to maintain a log of all 1080 feral goat control operations. This log will record the location, date and activation hours of all poisoning stations. The log will also record the volume of 1080 poison and water used to fill the poison water tanks and will record the volume of poisoned water remaining in the poisoned water tanks at the time of poison station deactivation.