

Wildlife Black Spot Request Information Sheet

1 WILDLIFE WARNING SIGNS

The Kingborough municipality has a large network of rural roads where wildlife activity is high, especially from dusk to dawn and Council is often approached with requests to install roadside wildlife warning signs. It is assumed that these signs will alter driver behaviour by indicating the presence of wildlife on the road and, thereby, reduce wildlife fatalities.

Traditional roadside wildlife warning signs are not specifically intended to perform an animal preservation role, but rather warn drivers of a potential safety hazard. Additionally, trials undertaken in other states indicate that traditional wildlife signage does not effectively reduce roadkill numbers. If the preservation of wildlife is considered critical at a location, other management treatments will also need to be considered (signs alone are not adequate).

Wildlife activity is high throughout Tasmania and it is not feasible to install warning signs on every road where wildlife is sighted. Signage should only be installed sparingly and at locations clearly identified as wildlife black spots.

2 WILDLIFE BLACK SPOT REQUESTS

Areas identified as wildlife blackspots will be considered for signage and other mitigation measures if possible.

If you believe a section of road should be prioritised as a wildlife black spot, please contact Council.

To support a wildlife black spot request, please provide as much of the following information as possible. Wildlife black spots on Council roads will be evaluated according to the below criteria:

- 2.1 The type of animal(s).
- 2.2 The size of the animal(s).
- 2.3 If there are connecting bushland corridors (wildlife movement corridor).
- 2.4 If the animal is environmentally significant.
- 2.5 Road traffic volumes.
- 2.6 Sight distances along the road.
- 2.7 Fencing along the roadside properties.
- 2.8 Number and severity of recorded animal-related crashes.
- 2.9 The recorded number of wildlife fatalities.

Note, Council is only responsible for the management of local roads within the municipality. State roads (generally the main highways) are managed by the Department of State Growth, and enquiries regarding these roads should be addressed to the Department.