

Professional Wild Dog Controllers

On behalf of:

Local Land Services and Western region landholders

Location:

The Western region of NSW focusing on the northern portion

Background:

The Professional Wild Dog Controller Program is a joint effort between the Western Local Land Services and 22 Pest Management and Landcare groups, working with landholders across a diverse landscape to protect livestock, the environment and control wild dog numbers in the western division.



Figure 1. Wild dog.

From this expression of interest (EOI) period a pool of Professional Wild Dog Controllers will be established to work throughout the Western region to control problem dogs in direct response to livestock attacks and dog sightings reported by landholders.

Remuneration:

The successful candidates will be engaged as contractors according to the payments listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Contractor payments

Payment description	Rate at December 2022
Hourly rate for on property work	\$60
Hourly rate for travel time	\$50
Km rate for travel with the Western LLS region	\$0.78

Submitting an EOI:

To submit an expression of interest, applicants will have to demonstrate the ability to meet all the following criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in using all 'best practice' techniques available (trapping, baiting, howling up and shooting) in wild dog control. With an extensive resume in trapping 'problem

'wild dogs that have been killing livestock in often challenging situations.

- Must be able to investigate livestock attack incidents, read each situation and engage the best practice methods to the situation that is presented.
- Good people skills with the ability to communicate with admin staff, other pest controllers and other key stakeholders.
- Demonstrated capacity to meet Work Health and Safety requirements.
- Own and use 'working trap dogs' is highly recommended but not critical in all circumstances.
- Ability to use digital trail cameras, GPS and maintain and submit records as directed.
- Must have a current drivers licence
- Must have a current firearms licence (genuine reason vertebrate pest contract shoot).
- AQF3 level chemical training or Local Land Services Vertebrate Pesticide Induction training and Canid Pest Ejector (CPE) Training.
- Public liability of not less than \$20 million.
- An ABN and be registered for GST
- Registered 4WD vehicle and full comprehensive vehicle insurance.
- Capacity to undertake inductions and satisfy requirements for various companies and land managers.
- Ability to clearly report results in a timely and professional manner, using WildDog Scan and other Feral Scan Apps as required.

Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated experience and success in removing difficult dogs from situations where livestock are being impacted.

From the expression of interest process a list of preferred Professional Wild Dog Controllers will be established, and then further assessed by an independent assessor to ensure competency and skill for wild dog control. This will occur in February 2023

Lodging an EOI

To request a full package, an EOI form and for any further information please contact;

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Please lodge all applications by 16 January 2023 to Lauren Argent on the above email address.

Wild dog trapping and the Professional Wild Dog Control program is critical to managing the western region wild dog population. The PWDC program compliments the LLS seasonal baiting program by controlling those dogs not taking baits. – Grant Davis, LLS
