

30th November 2020

Dear Landowner or Occupier,

RE: PREDATORY PEST ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM – MORNINGTON PENINSULA NATIONAL PARK

Parks Victoria is a statutory authority, created by the Parks Victoria Act, 1998 reporting to the Minister. We manage more than 4 million hectares of protected area, including 45 national parks. We are committed to make priority park habitats more resilient and improve biodiversity values. To do this, we are reducing threats to natural values related to overabundant, invasive and predator animal species.

In coming weeks, Parks Victoria will be conducting a pest predator control program in sections of Mornington Peninsula National Park. The objective of the program is to reduce red fox numbers to relieve predation of native wildlife, particularly vulnerable and threatened species, such as Hooded Plover and White-footed Dunnart, in accordance with the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act (1988)* and associated Action Statements.

The program will involve the use of Para Amino Propiopenone (PAPP) baiting for foxes in strategic locations throughout the national park. Baiting will occur from **7/12/20 – 25/01/21**. All pest animal control works will be undertaken by a qualified and licensed contractor (Timberscope Pty Ltd) in accordance with relevant regulatory procedures, prescriptions and compliance under relevant legislation.

As per National Parks Regulations 2013, dogs and cats are prohibited from Mornington Peninsula National Park at all times. Additionally, please ensure that pets do not stray into the national park from adjacent residential areas. The risk to native fauna is very low.

If pets are suspected of having consumed a PAPP bait during the baiting period and up to four weeks afterwards, a vet should be consulted as soon as possible. An antidote to PAPP (methylene blue) is available and stocked by most vets on Mornington Peninsula. (see attached notes)

For further information on any aspect of the pest animal control program, please call Reuben O'Shea, Ranger Team Leader on 8427 3001.



Kris Rowe
Area Chief Ranger
Southern Peninsula

Please ensure steps are taken to confine, muzzle and / or restrain your domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats, to prevent them from accessing 1080 and/or PAPP baits or carcasses during this period.

The use of the 1080 and/or PAPP baits will comply with the product label and the *Directions for the Use of 1080 and PAPP Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria*. When used in accordance with these documents, the risk of humans or animals being poisoned by 1080 or PAPP baits can be effectively managed.

To minimise the risk of poisoning to your animals you are advised:

- Confine, muzzle and/or restrain your domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats, to prevent them from accessing 1080 and/or PAPP pest animal poison baits or carcasses
- Domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats, are susceptible to primary poisoning from ingested bait products. Ensure your pets do not enter the baiting area and comply with park regulations at all times.
- Dogs and cats are susceptible to secondary poisoning from ingesting contaminated carcasses. As there is a delay in the poison action of 1080 and/or PAPP, animals that have ingested baits may die outside the park area. Bait stations are set in locations to minimize this risk. It is unusual for domestic animals to scavenge on fox carcasses.
- Closely monitor the health and behaviour of your companion animals or livestock. If you notice any unusual or uncharacteristic behaviour contact your local veterinarian immediately.
- Should you find any poisoned carcasses on your property, contact Parks Victoria for instructions on safe disposal and ensure pets do not come in contact. Always dispose of carcasses away from natural features such as waterways.

Dangers to humans

- If you are handling poison bait and/or carcasses always use protective rubber gloves and wash hands and gloves thoroughly after contact.
- Compound 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) is a restricted schedule 7 poison and there is no known antidote. Compound PAPP (4-aminopropiophenone) is a restricted schedule 7 poison and if immediate treatment is obtained an antidote may be available.
- When used in accordance with the product label and *Directions for the Use of 1080 and PAPP Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria*, there is little risk of humans being poisoned by 1080 or PAPP pest animal bait products.
- Although the 1080 and PAPP used in pest animal bait products is substantially diluted, 1080 and PAPP pest animal baits and poisoned carcasses must be treated with care.

If poisoning occurs, immediately contact a doctor or the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26

Further information on the use and handling of 1080 and PAPP is available from 1080 and PAPP bait manufacturers.

Please pass this information on to anyone who may be using your property.

Area of pest animal control program – highlighted in blue (National Park only)

