

Game and Pest Management Advisory Board

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What is the Game and Pest Board?

The Game and Pest Management Advisory Board (the Board) is an advisory body responsible for representing the interests of licensed hunters under matters relating to the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002*. The Board provides independent advice to the Minister for Primary Industries and Department of Primary Industries on regulated hunting and game and pest animal management in NSW.

The inaugural Game and Pest Management Advisory Board was appointed by the Minister for Primary Industries on 4 November 2014. The Board has been appointed under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* in accordance with the *NSW Government Boards and Committees Guidelines July 2013*.

The Board operates independently from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Game Licensing Unit. However the DPI Game Licensing Unit provides administration support to the Board in the execution of its functions.

Board members

Emeritus Professor Robert Mulley (Chair)
(Camden)

Scott Atkinson (Maitland)

Kathleen Clapham (Blackheath)

Dr Justin Clarke (Nowra)

Christine Hall (Inverell)

Associate Professor Graham Hall (Armidale)

David Voss (Bungendore)



Membership

The *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* (the Act) sets out the membership and functions of the Board.

Up to eight members may be appointed to the Board and together, they are to have expertise, skill or knowledge in the areas of:

- pest management
- wildlife
- veterinary science
- hunting
- education
- community engagement.

Functions

Under the Act the functions of the Board are to:

- Represent the interests of licensed hunters in matters arising under the Act.
- Provide advice on request to the Minister or the Regulatory Authority on game and feral animal control.
- Provide advice on request to the Minister regarding priorities for research expenditure from the Game and Pest Management Trust Fund.
- Provide advice to the Minister or the Regulatory Authority on educational courses relating to game hunting.

Board meetings and AHO forums

The Board is required to meet twice per year; however it is likely that up to four meetings per year will be held by the Board.

The Board has been moving their meetings around New South Wales, to grow their knowledge of issues impacting hunters and landholders, particularly in regional areas.

This has included presentations by Government Agencies, researchers and landholders as well as a number of informative field trips to experience issues impacting hunting stakeholders first hand.

During most of its meetings the Board also holds game hunting licence holder and Approved Hunting Organisation (AHO) engagement evenings. These forums provide an ideal opportunity for game hunting licence holders to meet Board members and to discuss issues that impact them regarding regulated hunting in NSW.

To find out where the Board will be meeting next keep a look out for the latest DPI Game Licensing Unit E-Newsletter, visit the DPI's hunting webpage: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting or contact the DPI game Licensing Unit on (02) 6391 3750.



Game and Pest Management Advisory Board members and DPI Game Licensing Unit staff observing native game bird impacts in the NSW Riverina.

How to contact the Board

Your priorities directly guide the Board as they represent your interests to the NSW Government.

If you have any ideas or comments please forward them through to the Board via their email address:

gameandpest.advisoryboard@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Alternatively write to the board and post your correspondence to:

Game and Pest Management Advisory Board
c/o DPI Game Licensing Unit
Locked Bag 21
Orange NSW 2800

More information

For more information on the Game and Pest Management Advisory Board including member bio's, the Boards charter and its activities visit the DPI's hunting webpage:

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting

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