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To the Landholder or Occupier,

NOTIFICATION OF WILD DOG 1080 AERIAL BAITING PROGRAM

The Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action (DEECA) will be undertaking a 1080 pest animal poisoning program using aerially deployed fresh meat baits on public land to manage wild dogs.

Baiting will occur from the 14 October 2024 to the 25 November 2024 and the baits will not be collected.

See attached map for an overview of where baiting will occur and for more detail refer to:

<u>https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/livestock-health-and-welfare/livestock-predation-management/livestock-predation-management-in-eastern-victoria/baiting-notifications</u> or <u>https://go.vic.gov.au/4dj5rCL</u>
Alternatively scan the QR code with a device



This program is being conducted under an off-label section 25A permit to allow baits to be deployed from the air. All care has been taken to ensure the conditions for use will reduce the chances of non-target animal impacts but there is still some associated risk. By being aware of the dangers, you are able to help manage the risk.

Risk to your Animals

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

- 1. Domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats, are susceptible to primary poisoning from ingesting 1080 pest animal bait products and secondary poisoning from ingesting contaminated carcasses.
 - a. Confine, muzzle and/or restrain your domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats, to prevent them from accessing 1080 pest animal poison baits or carcasses.
 - b. Closely watch the health and behaviour of your companion animals or livestock. If you notice any unusual or uncharacteristic behaviour, contact your local veterinarian at once.
- 2. There is a delay in the poison action of 1080 and animals that have ingested 1080 pest animal bait products may die on your property.
 - a. Collect and destroy any poisoned carcasses you find by burning (following local regulations) or burying to a depth of at least 50 cm for rabbits and at least 1 metre for foxes, wild dogs and feral pigs.
 - b. Always dispose of carcasses away from natural features such as waterways.

Risk to Humans

Compound 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) is a restricted schedule 7 poison and there is no known antidote. If you are handling poison bait and/or carcasses always use protective rubber gloves and wash hands and gloves thoroughly after contact.

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

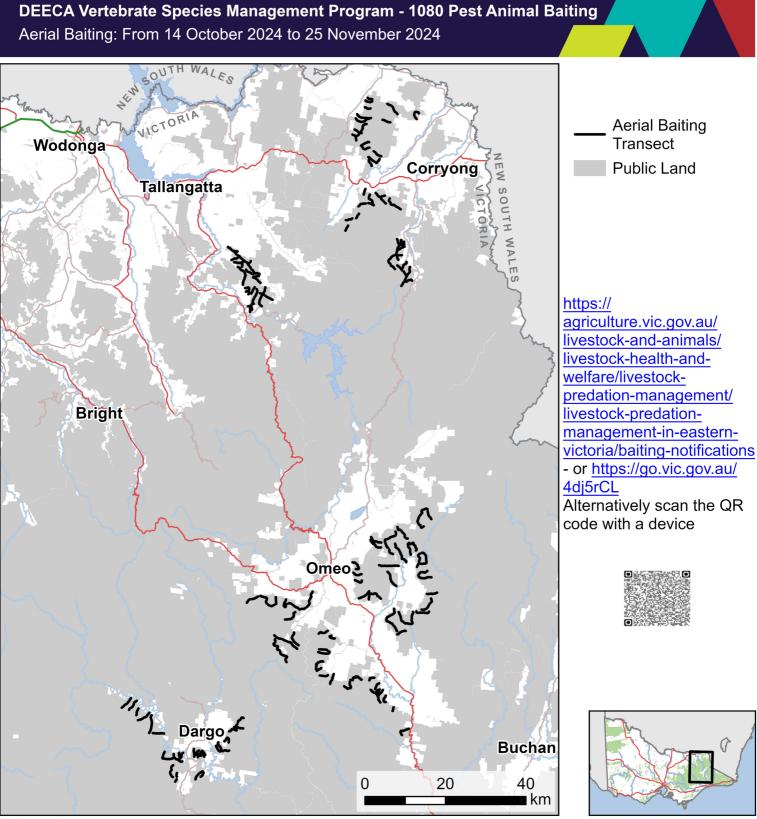
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