

13th February 2019

Notice of Pest Animal baiting program using 1080 poisoning baits

To the Property Owner,

Parks Victoria will be undertaking a poisoning program within **Wonthaggi Heathlands Nature Conservation Reserve, Kilcunda - Harmers Haven Coastal Reserve, Adams Creek Nature Conservation Reserve and Lang Lang Education Area** for the control of Red Foxes.

The poison to be used is Compound 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) which will be deployed by capsules in Canid Pest Ejectors, spring triggered devices that fire a dose of 1080 poison into the mouth of targeted pest animals that pull hard and upwards on the bait lure head. 1080 may also be impregnated into Commercial Fox Baits which will be buried to a depth of at least 10cm.

Poisoning will occur during the period from **25th February 2019** to the **30th July 2019** after which time Parks Victoria will take all reasonable effort to recover and destroy any remaining 1080 bait products in accordance with the Directions for the Use of 1080 and PAPP Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria.

The use of 1080 bait products will comply with the product labels and the Directions for the Use of 1080 and PAPP Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria. When used in accordance with the directions, the chances of non-target animal deaths from the use of 1080 bait products are reduced but there is still some associated risk. By being aware of the dangers you are able to help manage the risk.

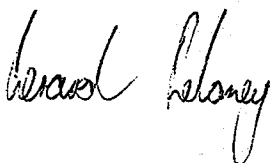
To minimise the risk of poisoning to your animals you are advised of the following:

1. Confine or leash and muzzle your domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats to prevent them having access to 1080 bait products or carcasses. Domestic animals are susceptible to primary poisoning from ingesting 1080 bait products and secondary poisoning from ingesting poisoned carcasses.
2. 1080 may remain active in poisoned animals and/or bait products for several weeks dependent on prevailing environmental conditions.
3. There is a delay in the poison action of 1080 and foxes that have been poisoned may die on your property.
4. Closely monitor the health and behaviour of your domestic pets. If you notice any unusual or uncharacteristic behaviour contact your local veterinarian immediately.
5. Collect and destroy any carcasses you find by burning or burying to a depth of at least 50cm. Any body fluid discharge from carcasses should also be buried.

Dangers to Humans: 1080 is a Schedule 7 poison and there is no known antidote. If you are handling poison bait products and/or carcasses use protective rubber gloves and wash hands and gloves thoroughly after contact. When used in accordance with the directions there is little risk of humans being poisoned by 1080 bait products. All available evidence indicates that sub lethal doses of 1080 are secreted from the body with no cumulative effects. Although the 1080 used in 1080 bait products is substantially diluted, 1080 bait products and contaminated carcasses must be treated with care. If poisoning occurs immediately contact a doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (Phone 13 11 26).

Further information on the use and handling of 1080 is available from Agriculture Victoria at agriculture.vic.gov.au or 136 186.

Yours sincerely,



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