

Feral Pig Bounty Program

What is the Feral Pig Bounty Program?

Somerset Regional Council offers landholders the option to collect feral pig snouts and tails and submit them to Council for a bounty of \$10 per snout and tail.

Feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*) are 'restricted' invasive pest animals under the Queensland *Biosecurity Act 2014*. They must not be moved, fed, given away, sold, or released into the environment without a permit. Further information regarding feral pig control options are available on the Biosecurity Queensland website at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/land-management/health-pests-weeds-diseases/pests>.

Somerset Regional Council recognises feral pigs pose a threat to economic, environmental and social values throughout the region. To assist landholders, Council has a bounty program that provides support to landholders and pest controllers that undertake control of these pest species within the region.



Photo: Queensland Government

For more information on feral pigs or Council's pest programs please contact Council's pest management section on (07) 5424 4000 or visit www.somerset.qld.gov.au

How do I participate?

Somerset landholders can submit their snouts and tails on the third Wednesday of each month at Council's Esk or Kilcoy depots.

Feral pig snout requirements:

- Feral pig snouts must be the full end (circular portion) of the nose. The tail must be the complete tail.
- Feral pig snouts and tails must be supplied in a sealed plastic bag. Multiples in one bag will be acceptable provided they can be divided, checked and counted by the receiving officer.
- Provide details of the properties within the Somerset region that each and every snout and tail has been collected from – see below.

Other documentation that will be required to be completed for bounty claim

When snouts and tails are presented to a Council Officer, you will be required to provide the following details of the property from which the pest animals were harvested:

- Name of property owner/manager
- Property address
- Owner/manager contact phone number
- Number of animals collected from each property

Disease and hygiene risks

There are disease and hygiene risks associated with handling parts of wild animals including scalps, snouts and tails. To minimise these risks, Council recommends the use of gloves, and scalps and snouts should be stored and transported in sealed plastic bags. Hands should be thoroughly washed after handling. Only Pest Management Officers should handle these feral animal components on behalf of Council.

Council collections of feral pig snouts and tails will only be accepted at scheduled locations during scheduled times. No snouts and tails will be accepted at Council's customer service counters.