



1080 Baiting Program

What is 1080?

Sodium fluoroacetate, also known as 1080, is a species-specific pesticide used to control restricted invasive animals including dingoes, wild dogs, foxes, rabbits, feral pigs, and feral cats. It is the most efficient and humane species-specific pesticide available in Australia. It is a white, odourless, powdery substance similar to the appearance of flour. It is naturally broken down by water and soil bacteria.

What are the requirements for 1080 baiting?

Somerset Regional Council supplies 1080 to landholders for the purpose of controlling restricted invasive animals. Use is subject to regulatory control of the 1080 product under the *Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulations 1996*.

To participate in the program the following eligibility criteria applies:

- Your property can be smaller than 40 hectares (100 acres) as long as the Pest Management Officer imposes risk management strategies.
- Baits cannot be laid within 50m of a roadway, within 20m of a water body, or 5m of a boundary fence.
- At least 72 hours notice must be given to all neighbours that share your boundary and or across the Road or River from your boundary of the proposed baiting property, either verbally or in writing.
- A list of neighbours notified and date and time of notification must be retained by the person baiting.
- You must supply a copy of your rates notice when receiving the baiting service.
- Unconsumed baits are to be retrieved within seven days and destroyed, or at the completion of the authorised period of baiting.
- Supply fresh, well drained, fist sized meat with no bones (approximately 250g per bait).
- Signage must be placed at all entrances and extremities of the property immediately before any 1080 baiting commences and for four weeks after baiting, or permanently if on-going baiting occurs.

It is important to report all sightings and incidents to Council's pest management section immediately



Wild dog. Picture courtesy: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

What are Council's pest programs for 1080?

Council offers scheduled 1080 dingo/wild dog baiting days for landholders to attend throughout the region. Landholders are required to supply fresh meat baits and a pest management officer apply the 1080 poison. To participate in the program you must notify a pest management officer of your interest in attending a 1080 baiting program location.

Council also offers landholders reactive 1080 baiting throughout the year for most pest animals. It is important that you report sightings of restricted invasive animals, stock attacks, or crop loss as soon as possible to enable effective control.

To register your interest in Council's 1080 Baiting Program or for more information contact Council's pest management section on (07) 5424 4000 or visit: www.somerset.qld.gov.au

For more information on baiting please contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 137468 or visit www.daf.qld.gov.au



Fox.



Feral Pig.

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