

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

MEDIA RELEASE **FERAL PIGS THE TARGET**

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The Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island (OCKI) has formed a Feral Pig Advisory Group with the board of Natural Resources Management, in response to the many issues surrounding the abundance of feral pigs on Kangaroo Island.

The group has developed a survey that will capture information about the economic impacts of the damage caused by feral pigs. The survey will also assist with the assessment of outcomes being achieved through the various management practices being utilised now and the costs of these practices, and identify locations where feral pigs are causing damage and to what – as in grain, stock, fencing, vegetation.

The survey is being jointly conducted by OCKI, Natural Resources Management, KI Council and AgKI, and ultimately the information being sought will inform an application for funding via the Federal Government to support feral pig management.

“The survey has gone out to more than 200 landholders across the Island,” Commissioner Wendy Campana said.

“I am encouraging all landholders presented with the survey to complete it,” she said.

“Gaining a better understanding of the impact of feral pigs on KI farms, via the survey responses, is going to assist the Feral Pig Advisory Group’s ongoing work and inform the preparation of the funding submission.”

The survey can be completed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/KangarooIslandFeralPigSurvey.

For any further information regarding the Advisory Group or the survey, you can telephone the OCKI Kingscote office on 8553 4525.