

Send a strong message to Moorabool Shire Council - residents and visitors want kangaroos protected!

Share your views through the draft Sustainable Environment Strategy (SES) survey.

WHAT IS THE DRAFT SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY?

Moorabool Shire Council is seeking community input on their SES which will “guide [its] decision-making and activities to create a more sustainable future for Moorabool.” It seeks to align this SES with their 2030 Community Vision to “Preserve our natural environment and champion sustainable practices through transparent and proactive activities that inspire action.”

You can read the draft under the heading ‘Project Documents’ via [this link](#).

WHY TAKE ACTION?

The draft strategy makes no mention of **protecting** or **promoting peaceful coexistence** with wildlife.

It is **very important that** Council hear from as many local residents and visitors as possible about the importance of protecting kangaroos.

At a recent meeting, kangaroos were discussed negatively, drawing upon false narratives, with Council presenting the cruel and unethical ‘kangaroo harvesting program’ as their solution. So this survey presents a key opportunity for the community to speak up for kangaroos and show that the Council is out of step with community expectations on the treatment of wildlife.

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

You can provide feedback on the Sustainable Environment Strategy through the **Have Your Say** survey at the bottom of this page:

<https://haveyoursay.moorabool.vic.gov.au/sustainable-environment>

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To complete the survey, you’ll need to register by providing your name, email, address, and a password.

You can choose to respond anonymously, but it’s strongly recommended that local residents register with their name and address. This helps Council see how many people in the Shire want kangaroos protected.

The survey is quick and simple - just four questions:

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Question 1. Are there any actions not mentioned in this strategy that you think are important? If yes, please provide details.

When you choose **Yes**, a text box will appear for your feedback. This is your opportunity to suggest actions you'd like Council to include that aren't covered in the draft strategy.

You can write as much as you like—there's no word limit—or simply add a few key points that matter most to you.

Some suggestions you might want to include: (Please don't copy and paste - it's important that you provide feedback in your own words)

- Council to request that the commercial killing of kangaroos cease in the shire and instead promote peaceful coexistence and ecotourism
- Council to include information on their website on strategies to co-exist with kangaroos and the importance of protecting this unique species that holds deep cultural and environmental significance
- To protect and enhance ecological health and connectivity must involve protection of the kangaroos and all native wildlife that are also part of this community
- Environmental stewardship means we must care, protect and sustain the natural environment and the kangaroos and other wildlife that live here.
- Housing developments must include wildlife corridors and safe passageways to prevent habitat fragmentation and land-locking that isolate kangaroos and restrict their natural travel routes and access to food, water, and shelter.
- A sustainable and climate-resilient Moorabool must be built with the protection of our kangaroos and other wildlife as a priority.
- Better education to the community about the kangaroos living in the Shire and the importance of protecting them.
- Advocacy for driver education, reduced speed limits in known roadstrike hot spots, and increased dynamic signage to reduce the impact of wildlife road strikes.
- Dogs to be leashed in areas where wildlife is present (a requirement of the Wildlife Act 1975)
- Kangaroos and all wildlife must be respected and acknowledged as equally belonging to the Shire that they call home.
- Recognition that kangaroos and all wildlife are under threat due to population growth, loss of habitat, climate change, and inappropriate development, and their protection must be considered in Council planning.
- Other threats more specifically impacting kangaroos in Moorabool include: toxic weeds, relentless shooting, fences, roads, foxes and dogs.
- Council needs to show leadership in dispelling myths about kangaroos and providing information to farmers and landholders about coexistence with wildlife.

Question 2. Do you have any further feedback for the content in this strategy document?

When you choose **Yes**, a text box will appear for your feedback. This is your opportunity to suggest further feedback for the content in the strategy document.

Some suggestions you might want to include: (Please don't copy and paste - it's important that you provide feedback in your own words)

- Strategic area one – The goal to protect and enhance ecological health and connectivity in Moorabool must include the importance of protecting kangaroos and all wildlife in the Shire. [continued over...]

- Strategic area two - Collaborate with our community and partners to foster greater environmental stewardship across Moorabool – this must also include collaboration and effective partnerships with significant wildlife organisations..
- The reference to mapping and distributing biodiversity in our roadsides does not refer to strategies to reduce road strikes to kangaroos and other wildlife.
- Council to take a more robust role in protecting kangaroos and all wildlife in environmental outcomes for planning and development
- Council to provide information and guidance to all private landowners and farmers on their responsibility for environmental stewardship, which includes co-existence with kangaroos, non-lethal control measures, wildlife-friendly fencing, and removing noxious weeds such as *Phalaris aquatica*.
- Council to create meaningful partnerships and work with Wildlife Victoria and local wildlife groups to better support the wildlife and wildlife volunteers in the Shire
- Key performance indicators to include:
 - Community educated about the value of co-existence with kangaroos
 - Community educated about driving safely in areas where kangaroos are present
 - All farmers and landholders to receive education on non-lethal strategies to coexist with kangaroos and be published on the council website
 - Wildlife friendly fencing information on the council website
 - Positive information about the Shires kangaroos and other wildlife published on council website

Question 3. Which suburb/township/area do you spend the most time in (to live, work or visit) in Moorabool Shire?

Question 4. Which of the following best describe your relationship with Moorabool Shire? (please select all that apply)

- Prefer not to say
- I'm a resident
- I'm a business owner
- I'm a property owner
- I'm an employee working in Moorabool
- I'm a Council employee
- I'm a student at a Moorabool school
- I'm a regular visitor (I live elsewhere)
- I'm a user of a service located in Moorabool
- I'm a member of an community-based environmental group located in Moorabool

Lastly, enter the Captcha code you can see on the screen and then press the green **SUBMIT NOW** button and your feedback is complete!

Thank you very much for writing in support of our kangaroos.

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