



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act application**

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

*“Copies of reports/complaints of illegal kangaroo killing and cruelty made to SAPOL and via Crimestoppers from 2017 to 2025. SAPOL response to reports/complaints of illegal kangaroo killing and cruelty received by SAPOL and via Crimestoppers from 2017 to 2025.”*

On 7 March 2025, one of my staff contacted you via telephone seeking clarification on the scope of your request. You narrowed the scope of your request to data relating to any illegal kangaroo killing events including SAPOL response extracted from the South Australia Police (SAPOL) Shield Record Management system.

SAPOL has located information that falls within the scope of your request, and it is determined to **release this information to you in full**.

The search for records involving kangaroos relies on the keyword 'kangaroo' being recorded in the Shield Record Management System in relation to the offence of Intentionally Ill Treating an Animal, Causing Death or Serious Harm, contrary to Section 13(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 1985. Consequently, the results produced only contain this keyword. There may be other offences that have not been recorded using the keyword 'kangaroo', however we are unable to identify those involving a kangaroo if the keyword has not been used.



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**Data for the offence of; Intentional Ill Treatment of an Animal, Causing Death or Serious Harm, 13(1) Animal Welfare Act 1985 (Kangaroos Only):**

Date	Summary	Police Actions
25/04/2019	TUNNEL TRK, LEAWOOD GARDENS, SA. Deceased kangaroo found on walking track with four arrows embedded in the carcass.	Investigated by SAPOL and filed pending further information.
19/10/2021	SA, 5000. Video footage sent out via social media of a kangaroo being bashed to death by a male.	Investigated by SAPOL and filed pending further information.
08/01/2022	NARACORTE, SA. Male in vehicle seen to be purposely running over live kangaroos in a national park.	Reported to Department for Environment and Water (National Parks and Wildlife Services) for investigation.
29/09/2023	SA. Animal cruelty, offender stomped on injured kangaroo. Then showed video on Instagram.	Reported to RSPCA and Department for Environment and Water (National Parks and Wildlife Services).
20/11/2024	SA. Chased a kangaroo, hit it with his car and then jumped on it.	Reported to Department for Environment and Water (National Parks and Wildlife Services) for investigation. No further action from SAPOL as potential duplicate of incident from 29/09/2023.

**Disclosure Log**

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, including the information and/or documents to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at: [https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf).

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **18 April 2025**.

Yours sincerely



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**Freedom of Information Unit**  
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

18 March 2025