

Trapping terms and conditions

Any measures taken to reduce or eradicate a specific population of pest animals must recognise that these animals require the same level of consideration for their welfare as that given to domestic and native animals.

Control programs:

- must be conducted humanely
- should be target specific and not cause suffering to non-target animals
- should be effectively monitored and audited, with resulting data made available for public information.

The trapping and euthanising of Indian mynas must be carried out in accordance with the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, and the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019*. The main components of this Act and associated regulations are described in the nationally endorsed standard operating procedures (SOPs): Trapping of pest birds (BIR002) and Methods of euthanasia (GEN001). Prior to conducting any control activities, operators should read and be familiar with these procedures, which are summarised below.

The humane trapping of Indian mynas requires that traps:

- must be inspected on a daily basis
- must provide birds with adequate food, water, shelter and a perch
- must allow birds to stretch their wings freely
- should provide adequate shade.

Euthanasia methods must ensure that animals are humanely destroyed, which is defined under the Act as 'causing the death of an animal by a means that results in immediate loss of consciousness and then death of the animal (without recovering consciousness).'

Based on the above SOPs, the following methods are acceptable for euthanasia:

- lethal injection by a qualified veterinarian – preferred method of Cardinia Shire Council
- cervical dislocation by a trained and highly competent operator.

Trappers must comply with Australian and Victorian legislation on health, safety and animal welfare. These regulations require that a record sheet is filled in by trappers to record the number of birds caught each day.

Please fill in the trapping record sheet provided and return it to Council to assist in the coordinated response of Indian myna trapping.

This information must be adhered to when participating in the Cardinia Shire Council Indian myna trapping program.

If you have any further questions, contact Council's Customer Service on 1300 787 624.