



To whom it may concern,

We are writing to let you know of a recent development and to seek your valued support and collaboration in what we believe is a significant step forward in improving outcomes for displaced Eastern Grey Kangaroos.

Vets for Compassion has recently been granted a Relocation Permit by the Conservation Regulator's Office. This permit allows us to legally relocate Eastern Grey Kangaroos whereby leaving the wildlife in situ presents a public safety risk or the wildlife is in imminent danger pose a risk to public safety. Please note, the permit does not apply to other species, landlocked kangaroos, or large mob relocations.

In line with the permit conditions, all relocated kangaroos must be clearly marked and monitored for a minimum of four weeks post-release. Over the past two months, we have been building our post-release monitoring capacity to meet this requirement. Our expanded team is now actively observing the health, behaviour, and movement patterns of released kangaroos, using trialed techniques to gather valuable data.

While we have made good progress, we cannot do this alone. This is where we need your help. It is essential that we, as a wildlife community, come together and work collaboratively to ensure the success of these efforts. By sharing knowledge, observations, and feedback, we can achieve more for the welfare of our Eastern Grey Kangaroos.

**Key Monitoring Details:**

**Markings:**

Initial trials using small dots or line markings proved ineffective or caused confusion, particularly with public reports mistaking live animals for those previously marked as deceased.

After consultation with the department, we have now adopted a patient-specific code system using non-toxic paint that safely wears off over time. The marking will be a letter of the alphabet and a number. You may still encounter previously



marked animals using older systems—please report these too.

### **What We're Asking:**

If you see or are notified of any Eastern Grey Kangaroos with paint markings, we kindly ask you to report the following:

- A clear photo of the animal (if possible)
- Exact location (a pin drop is ideal)
- Any additional details: body condition, behaviour, injury, evidence of road trauma, etc.

Please report sightings to: [relocation@vetsforcompassion.org](mailto:relocation@vetsforcompassion.org)

This information is not only important for our permit obligations, it is vital for improving long-term outcomes for these animals for all EKG rescue individuals and groups in the State.

### **Let's Work Together**

This initiative is not about any one organisation. It's about what we can achieve together for the benefit of our iconic wildlife. We hope this can be a shared learning opportunity that ultimately leads to better practices and stronger outcomes for displaced kangaroos.

This has been written in consultation with the Conservation Regulators Office for the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact us at [relocation@vetsforcompassion.org](mailto:relocation@vetsforcompassion.org) or on 0407 084 594.

Thank you for your ongoing work and dedication to wildlife welfare. We look forward to working alongside you.