

- 1. The most recent permit provided to Launceston Golf Club by DPIPWE for culling of animals within its boundaries, along with any previous such permits granted or rejected and the reasons for these decisions by the department.**

Information and Application Forms on Crop Protection Permits (CPPs) are available on the Department's website (<https://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/management-of-wildlife/managing-wildlife-browsing-grazing-losses/permits-and-regulations>).

Copies of CPPs issued to the Launceston Golf Club will be released following the expiry of statutory third party appeal rights under the Act.

No applications were rejected.

- 2. All correspondence between the department and the club around the issue of wildlife population and/or damage, including details of any previous non-lethal management efforts.**

Nil information.

- 3. Any reports or research provided to or conducted by DPIPWE into wildlife population and/or damage at Launceston Golf Club.**

Nil Information

- 4. The number of wildlife cull permits obtained for in Tasmania across the past five years, the outcome of the applications and the reason for the decision.**

The Department issues CPPs and 'Permits to take' (PTT). PTTs can include the trapping, releasing and possessing of animals for a range of purposes, including health and safety, protection of infrastructure and for scientific or educational purposes.

The Table below summarises the number of CPPs and PTTs issued since 2015. This information is published on the Department's website at <https://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/agriculture/facts-figures/licensing-and-permits>.

#### **Permit Summary 1-1-2015 to 20-5-2019**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Permit Type</b>	
	<b>CPP</b>	<b>PTT</b>
2015	4166	39
2016	3013	43
2017	1976	65
2018	1847	59
2019	915	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15417</b>	<b>275</b>

**5. DPIPWE's procedure for assessing compliance of permits issued, the number of compliance checks across the past five years and the number of breaches found.**

The Department's *Compliance and Enforcement Policy and Procedures* sets out the objectives for its compliance and enforcement activities. Key principles of the Policy include effective community engagement and accountability, and ensuring information is readily available to the community so they can voluntarily meet their compliance obligations. The *Policy and Procedures* is available on the Department's website (<https://intranet.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/policy/policy-branch/compliance-and-enforcement-policy>).

For CPPs and PTTs, the Department focuses on ensuring permit holders are aware of their obligations and responsibilities as outlined in the permit – this is achieved through verbal communication and discussion during the application process and the use of supporting information sources such as the *Game Tracks* available on the Department's website (<https://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/Documents/Game-Tracks.pdf>).

The Department undertakes several hundred compliance checks/actions a year, including random and targeted patrols, and in response to alleged offences. A record of all compliance checks is not kept. A record of all Prescribed Infringement Notices (PINs) issued is kept, the register is an aggregation of all PINs issued, not just those specific to CPPs or PTTs. Each year breaches that progressed through to convictions are listed in *Game Tracks*.

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