

## **Information for participants of the southern hairy-nosed wombat state-wide survey: Survey 1**

The aim of this South Australian state-wide survey is to gather information on southern hairy-nosed wombats and determine:

1. Current distribution
2. Movement
3. Area of occupancy
4. Local abundance
5. Conflict situations
6. Management actions
7. Effectiveness of management

This information is vital for the management of the southern hairy-nosed wombat, and of the impacts caused by the species. The last survey was undertaken in 1989, and since then anecdotal reports have wombat numbers both increasing, and dramatically declining, as well as moving from the known core area, to peripheral colonies previously undocumented. There are also reports of increased, and more severe, conflict with agricultural practices.

As a resident in this region we wish to gather as much information as possible about southern hairy-nosed wombat distribution, abundance and management. Even if you do not have wombats on your property, filling out **Survey 1** will provide us with valuable information. You may answer the questions about your own property, or land in the region that you are familiar with (e.g. worker, past owner, neighbour). If you wish to participate in **Survey 1** you are required to be over 18 years of age.

**Survey 1** asks you to provide detail on where the property is located. You can provide minimal detail; however we do require some indication of the location, so at the very least “Hundred Section” is required. The more detail you provide, the better we can pinpoint southern hairy-nosed wombat distribution and abundance. **Survey 1** is a predominantly factual survey, with questions regarding distribution, abundance and management of wombats on the property. By gathering this information we can gain a greater understanding of southern hairy-nosed wombats in the region and make informed decisions regarding their management.

**Survey 1** will take approximately 10 – 15 minutes to fill out. All answers are CONFIDENTIAL and you may withdraw from the study at any time. Information gained during the study may be published, but you will not be identified and personal results will not be divulged.

By completing this survey you are giving consent to use the information provided.

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