

Damage caused by rabbits

THE EUROPEAN RABBIT IS A DECLARED PEST ANIMAL

Rabbits are restricted invasive animals and one of Australia's worst agricultural and environmental pests. Affected landholders must take all reasonable steps to control rabbits.



Lawn damaged by rabbits.



Young rose bush stripped by rabbits



Concrete slab undermined by rabbits



Water tank undermined by rabbits



Edge of crop eaten by rabbits living in the creek bank.



Hay ruined by rabbits.



Young fruit tree ring-barked by rabbits.

Quick facts

- Even in low numbers, rabbits can have unwanted impacts.
- Rabbits can damage lawns and gardens, crops and pastures, and infrastructure.
- Fixing rabbit damage can cost you money.
- Rabbits can lead to 'weedy' pastures.
- Rabbits can lead to accelerated soil erosion.
- High numbers of rabbits can support large numbers of feral predators. They attract foxes, feral cats and wild dogs.
- Rabbits can prevent growth of some native tree and shrub species.
- Rabbits compete with native animals for food and shelter.