

Mammals : DSE recommended enclosure sizes

Please note:

For **Hopping Mice** and **Dunnarts**, height quoted is above substrate.

Bettong males should NOT be housed together.

Wombats prefer to be solitary in permanent confinement.

Common Name	Minimum cage or enclosure floor area	Max. number of animals	Min. height	Increased floor area for each additional animal
Hopping Mice	2500sq cm	5	50cm	500sq cm
Dunnart	2000sq cm	1	50cm	1000sq cm
Sugar Glider	5sq m	2	3m	5sq m
Wombat	50sq m	1	2m	N/A
Bettongs	20 sq m	2	2m	10sq m
Wallabies less than 10kg	100sq m	1	3m	10sq m
Wallabies greater than 10kg	300sq m	1	3m	30sq m
Pademelons	300sq m	1	3m	60sq m
Kangaroos & Wallaroos	1000sq m	1	3m	100sq m
Common Brushtail Possum	10sq m	1	3m	5sq m
Common Ringtail Possum	5 sq m	2	3m	1sq m

Recommended enclosure sizes for species added to the Wildlife schedules October 1 2009.

These sizes taken from MSoV submissions to the Victorian Wildlife Possession Trade Advisory Committee (WPTAC).

DSE at this stage have not released recommended sizes.

Black-striped Wallaby - *Macropus dorsalis* - see above wallabies less than 10kg

Feathertail Glider - *Acrobates pygmaeus*

Minimum enclosure floor area 5sq m. Maximum number of animals 4. Minimum height 2m, increased floor area for each addition animal, 1.5sqm.

Long-nosed Potoroo - *Potorous tridactylus*

Minimum enclosure floor area of 20 sq m for 1 animal. Minimum height (roofed end) 2 m. Increased floor area per additional animal is 10 sq m.

Plains Rat - *Pseudomys australis*

Minimum enclosure floor area 1,400 sq. cm for one animal, increased floor area for each additional animal 700 sq. cm. Minimum height above substrate 50 cm

Quokka - *Setonix brachyurus*

Minimum enclosure floor area 50sq m. Maximum number of animals 1. Minimum height 2m, Increased floor area for each animal 20sq m

Southern Brown Bandicoot - *Isodon obesulus*

Minimum 20sq m floor area. Minimum height – roofed enclosure, 1.5m. Increased floor area of 10 m² per additional animal

Spinifex Hopping-mouse - *Notomys alexis* - see above for Hopping Mice

Squirrel Glider - *Petaurus norfolcensis*

As for the sugar glider but with rather more space per animal. Aviary 3.2mx3.2mx3m for a pair plus 1.5m x 1.5m floor area for each additional animal.

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These are Department of Sustainability recommendations.

There is currently NO Code of Practice for keeping native mammals in Victoria.

The Marsupial Society of Victoria Inc with other invited groups/organisations have been working with the Department of Primary Industry's (DPI), Bureau of Animal Welfare who are currently working towards and preparing a Code of Practice for the Private Keeping of Australian Mammals this document is still in draft form

