

QUESTION 1

Permit Applicant:

Registered Company / Business / Corporation / Organisation or Association Name:

Lord Howe Island Board

Name of Director(s)/ Manager(s):

Penny Holloway - Chief Executive Officer

If the applicant is an individual or individuals – full name or names:

N/A

Trading Name:

Australian Business Number (ABN): 33280968043

Person authorised to speak on behalf of the applicant:

Andrew Walsh - Project Manager Rodent Eradication

QUESTION 2

Applicant Contact Details:

Street address (if company provide registered office street address):

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QUESTION 3

Has the applicant previously held a NSW Marine Parks permit?

- ☒ Yes ➤ Permit Number Various permits related to LHIB functions ➤ Go to question 4
- ☐ No ➤ Go to question 7

QUESTION 4

Are you applying for a permit to replace an existing permit that is about to expire?

- ☐ Yes ➤ Permit/s to be replaced ➤ Go to question 5
- ☒ No ➤ Go to question 6

QUESTION 5

Have you met the reporting conditions of your existing permit?

- ☐ Yes ➤ Go to question 6
- ☐ No ➤ Please submit reporting requirements with this application. ➤ Go to question 6
Failure to submit outstanding reports will cause a delay in the processing of the application and may result in refusal of the application.

QUESTION 6

Are you applying for a permit which is exactly the same the permit to be replaced?

- ☐ Yes ➤ Go to question 11
- ☒ No ➤ Go to question 7

QUESTION 7

In which Marine Parks do you want to operate?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batemans Marine Park | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lord Howe Island Marine Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Byron Marine Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jervis Bay Marine Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Islands Marine Park |

Note: maps, specific location names and relevant marine park zoning information are available on the Department of Primary Industries web site at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

In which zones and locations do you want to operate?

- ☒ All zones and locations
- ☐ Specific locations – provide details below

Location	Zone	Frequency and duration of visits
Please see detail in	Section 12 of the attached Fisheries	Licence to Harm Application Form

QUESTION 8

Description of works:

Name of works:

Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project

Purpose of works:

Distribution of rodenticide to eradicate rats and mice from LHI

Date of works: 1/6/17 (or 2018) to: 30/9/17 (or 2018)

Describe the works to be undertaken within and adjacent to the marine park:

The one-off eradication proposes to distribute a cereal-based bait pellet (Pestoff 20R) containing 0.02g/kg (20 parts per million) of the toxin, Brodifacoum across the LHIG (excluding Balls Pyramid). Methods of distribution will be dispersal from helicopters using an under-slung bait spreader bucket in the uninhabited parts of the island (most of the LHIG) and by a combination of hand broadcasting and the placement of bait in trays and bait stations in the settlement area. Further detail on operational activities is provided in Section 2 of the attached Public Environment Report (PER). Bait will not be intentionally applied to the marine environment however when Brodifacoum pellets are applied aerially to islands in attempts to eradicate rodents, all terrestrial habitats which may harbour rodents must receive bait. In achieving this it is often the case that a small quantity of bait enters the marine environment within 5-10m of the shore, particularly on rugged coastal areas. On LHI it will be impossible to collect these baits. Baiting around the coast line will occur above the mean high water mark to minimise bait entry into the marine environment. A deflector arm can be attached to the spreader bucket to restrict the arc of the swathe to 180 degrees and will be used particularly when baiting the edge of buffer zones and to minimise bait entry into the marine environment when baiting coastal areas. The Lagoon foreshore and some other beaches will be hand baited to further minimise the possibility of bait entering the water. Indicative areas for treatment by aerial broadcast, hand broadcast and bait stations are shown in Figure 5 of the attached PER. The PER also provides detail on:

- The project background (Section 1.6)
- Consequences of not undertaking the REP (Section 1.9)
- Alternatives considered and justification for the chosen methodology (Section 3)

Indicative areas for treatment by aerial broadcast, hand broadcast and bait stations are shown in Figure 5 of the attached PER. The operation is targeted for winter of 2017 (June to August) however to allow operational flexibility and to account for unforeseen delays, approval is sought for at least a three year period, June 2017 to December 2019.

Give details of materials and equipment that will be used in undertaking the works

It is likely that two helicopters will be used for the aerial distribution component of the eradication. Type and size of helicopters is not yet finalized and will be subject to competitive tender arrangements. Helicopter providers will also supply details of the bait spreader buckets they propose to use. Indicative detail is provided in section 2.3.5 of the attached PER.

Commercial vessels situated on LHI may be engaged in staff transport or monitoring activities but will not be used for any bait distribution.

Detail about the proposed bait (Pestoff 20R) and the active constituent (Brodifacoum) are found in Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the attached PER. Fate of the bait in the marine environment is detailed in Section 5.2.1 of the PER

QUESTION 9

Details of vessels, vehicles, aircraft (including hire craft) or non-motorised craft to be used as part of the activity:

Transport type (inc. hire craft & ancillaries)	Registered Name	Registration number	Length (m)	Surveyed maximum. passenger capacity	Maximum number of intended passengers		Usual home port or departure point
					Crew	Passengers	
TBC							

QUESTION 10

Are any structures or facilities proposed to be used or installed within the marine park?

Examples of structures and facilities include but are not limited to - moorings, temporary shelters, stages, props, advertisements and stalls as well as research identification and semi-permanent tagging devices.

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please specify and describe nature and scale:

And describe how the impacts of the use of the structures will be minimised:

QUESTION 11

Under the *Marine Estate Management Regulation 2009* and the *Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999*, applications for permits must be considered against the objectives of the Act and Regulations. Please complete the following questions to assist the Department of Primary Industries in assessing your application.

- (a) What will be the likely effect of the proposed activity on conservation and biodiversity, maintenance of ecological processes and ecological sustainability?

Potential impacts of the eradication project are considered in detail in section 5 of the PER. Specifically impacts to the Marine Park are considered in Sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.4, 5.2.10 and 5.2.1 of the PER and in sections 16 of the attached Fisheries Licence to Harm Application. Mitigation is considered in section 6 of the PER.

- (b) Will the activity affect other users of the marine park, eg. create noise, restrict access, etc?. If yes, please provide details of how impacts are to be minimised.

Temporary access closures may be required for areas to be broadcast by helicopter. It is expected that these closures would occur twice only during the eradication, for one or two days each time. No other impacts are expected to marine park users.

- (c) If the applicant is an individual - state relevant experience/qualifications for undertaking the activity.

N/A

- (d) If the applicant is a company or association - state relevant experience/qualifications of the entity in undertaking the activity as well as the qualifications/experience of the persons who will be undertaking the activity within the marine park.

The Lord Howe Island Board (Board) is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the Lord Howe Island Act, 1953 (the Act). The Board is directly responsible to the NSW Minister for the Environment. It is charged with the care, control and management of the Island's natural values and the affairs and trade of the Island. It is also responsible for the care, improvement and welfare of the Island and residents. The LHIB carries out all local government functions on behalf of approximately 350 Island residents and manages the Island PPP and the protection and conservation of the Island's fauna and flora. The LHIB's environmental record is provided in Section 9 of the PER. Qualifications and experience of key staff are provided in Appendix C of the PER.

QUESTION 12

Are you applying for a permit that is commercial in nature?

☒ No ➤ Go to question 13

☐ Yes ➤ Complete below

Insurance requirements for activities commercial in nature:

The permittee must, prior to the commencement of the permitted activities and during the life of the permit, obtain a public liability policy of insurance which covers the following:

Public Liability cover of not less than 10 million dollars (\$10 000 000) in respect of the death of or injury to any person, or the loss of or damage to any property (including a protected area), arising out of or in connection with the Permittee's commercial activity in a marine park, where such death, injury, loss or damage is caused in whole or in part by the conduct, or presence in the marine park, of the Permittee, or employee, agent or client of the Permittee.

Before a permit allowing commercial activities is granted evidence that the applicant holds sufficient Public Liability Insurance is required. If the activity is commercial in nature please provide details of public liability insurance cover held by the applicant:

Public Liability: Name of Insurer: _____
Policy No.: _____
Expiry Date: _____
Amount of Cover: _____

As evidence of this please also attach to this application a copy of the Certificate of Currency as proof that you hold the required public liability insurance.

QUESTION 13

Duration for which a permit is sought

☐ From : For the maximum period available (12 months for new applicants, 3 years for existing)
dd mm yyyy

OR

☒ Other – from: 0 1 06 2017 to: 30 12 2019
dd mm yyyy dd mm yyyy

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Prior to submitting this application please ensure you have done the following:

	Completed every relevant question? Y
	Attached outstanding activity data reports as required in existing permit? N/A
	Attached any other relevant permits Y
	If a commercial activity – enclosed copy of the Certificate of Currency of the required Public Liability insurance?
	Signed the declaration? Y

DECLARATION

I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct.

Where the applicant is a Company I declare that I am duly authorised by the Company to sign this application in its behalf.

- When application is made on behalf of a company and you are not the Director, you must attach to the application an authority from the company stating that you may act on the company's behalf in regards to the application.
- When an application is submitted for more than one person, all persons must sign the form.



SIGNATURE

Penny Holloway

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CEO

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30 December 2016

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MAILING DETAILS and for further information please contact

Please forward application to:

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Solitary Islands Marine Park

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