Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

**Management plan template**

*Exhibited Animals Act 2015*

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| Applicant name: | Click here to enter text. |
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Part A - Species detail

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| This application is for: ***(click box to select/deselect)*** |
| [x]   | A particular animal |  |
| [ ]  | A single species |  |
| [ ]  | Animals of a taxonomic grouping (e.g. more than one sub-species). |  |
|  | Please indicate which category. |  |
|  | [ ]  A [x]  B [ ]  C1 [ ]  C2  |  |
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| In the table provided record the common name, scientific name, maximum number of animal’s proposed (male and female if relevant) and indicate the relevant box for breeding requirements. If there is not sufficient space provided you may attach a list of the information and submit it with this Management Plan application.  |
| **Common name** | **Scientific name** | **Maximum number proposed** | **Breeding** | **Nonbreeding** |
| European rabbit | Oryctolagus cuniculus | 1 | [ ]  | [x]  |
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**Part B - Relevant experience**

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| [ ]   | Relevant up-to-date experience for the proposed species held by the department |
| [ ]  | Relevant up-to-date experience for the proposed species attached |
| [x]  | Relevant up-to-date experience for the proposed species detailed below: |
|  | **I have held a rabbit (Mr Fuzzyhops) for three years as I previously lived in NSW and therefore have been conducting my magical business in the NSW area. I am now moving to Brisbane and will continue to operate my business targeting the Brisbane, Gold and Sunshine coast areas. Please see the attached information which shows I have had an active business for a number of years and includes Blue Card, Website, Fees for hiring, Facebook page, my driver’s licence and general advertisement.**  |

Part C - Species Exhibition and dealings

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| How do you propose to keep the animal: ***(click one or more boxes to select/deselect)*** |
| [ ]  | In a travelling collection (i.e. no fixed location)? (e.g. not held at a regular enclosure site within Queensland) |
| [x]  | In a regular enclosure at the regular enclosure site not available for viewing by the public? |
| [ ]  | In a regular enclosure at the regular enclosure site that is open to the public most of the time? |

Part D - Exhibition & dealing activities proposed

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| How do you propose to exhibit the animal: ***(click one or more boxes to select/deselect)*** |
| [ ]  | In its regular enclosure at the regular enclosure site? *(e.g. primary enclosure at the zoo)* |
| [ ]  | In a controlled area outside the regular enclosure at the regular enclosure site? *(e.g. in a stadium, stage area or other designated area within the zoo)* |
| [ ]  | In a regular enclosure, in a controlled area outside the regular enclosure site? *(e.g. in a fully enclosed enclosure displayed on tables under a marque enclosed with bollards or a 1.2m high removable barrier or in a fenced area surrounded by 6 foot removable cyclone mesh fence)* |
| [x]  | In a controlled area outside the regular enclosure site? *(e.g. removable snake pit with 1.2m high walls with canvas floor sewn into the bottom of the walls or completely enclosed fenced off area with)* |
| [ ]  | Outside a regular enclosure and controlled area off the regular enclosure site? *(e.g. roaming with carpet python at a school fete or market place)* |
| [ ]  | Recording the animal’s image at the regular enclosure site for display to the public? *(e.g. posting images and recorded footage of authorised animals in social media networks)* |
| [ ]  | Recording the animal’s image for the purposes of film and television production? |

Part E - Significant relevant risks and relevant adverse effects

For ***each*** activity proposed in part C complete details below by identifying:

* any significant relevant risks or adverse effects; and
* how you propose to manage these risks associated with the exhibition and dealing of the animal(s) for each of the topics below:
1. Please record details or forward attachments of details for the regular enclosure at the regular enclosure site for the animal and identify the maximum number of each species that will be held within the proposed enclosure *(e.g. plans, photos, diagrams, enclosure specifications).*

**As per the attached photos I have a purpose build rabbit hutch made of wood and is two levels. Each level of usable space is 1m high. The length of the house is 2m and the height of the structure is 2.5m high. It is very easy to keep clean and tidy and as per the photos it has a built in automatic water filler on a float which is connected to a 4lt reserve that is filled from the outside of the hutch. There is a door on each level so that Mr Fuzzyhops can be taken out if he is upstairs or downstairs and both doors are made of metal grates so that there is plenty of ventilation. The hutch has a big enough floor area so that I can have an area where I change the substrate regularly and use different types of substrate. There is also a built-in area which slides out and that is his litter tray area as he has been trained to use a litter tray. As per the photo the hutch is on wheels for easy movement. In the winter I place him near a window to warm up the enclosure.**

1. Please record details or forward attachments for all other regular enclosures, other proposed authorised enclosures or controlled areas you will use for the animal and record the maximum number of each species that will be held within the proposed enclosures where relevant *(e.g. travelling enclosures, holding enclosures, controlled areas).*

**Mr Fuzzyhops has his own indoor area for play and exercise (photos attached and labelled) which is safe from predation and he cannot escape. Periods of time out are supervised to prevent escape and he is never allowed in the exercise area when no-one is home. The exercise area is removable and is made of metal wire framing that can be folded up. We place a tarp down and erect the wire frame. When constructed the exercise area is 3m x 2.5m. When I perform our magical shows Mr Fuzzyhops is placed in a standard cat transport box for transportation which has a key lock on the door. I have also attached a photo of the backyard of the house I will be purchasing in Qld. The backyard is fully enclosed by a six foot wooden fence and there is no more than a 2cm gap between each of the palings and the fence connects to the ground. I would like Mr Fuzzyhops to be able to have supervised exercise in the backyard so he can hop around on the grass and get some natural sunlight. These periods will be supervised. I was going to purchase an outdoor rabbit hutch but could not find one that had a floor connected and am scared that he might escape underneath the wall so think it best that he stays inside with me and has supervised exercise outside instead.**

**When I conduct my magical acts a raised stage is constructed with bollards that all connect which surrounds the stage. This acts as a controlled area as the children cannot climb up onto the stage and must walk around to the side of the stage where there are stairs if they are asked up onto the stage. My assistant helps the child climb up the stairs after releasing the strap (seen in the photos attached) which connects the bollards and closes off the stairs to the top of the stage.**

1. Identify animal welfare risks and how they will be managed relevant to the exhibition and dealing activities proposed *(e.g. enclosure fixtures, heating, water, diet, enrichment, training and conditioning).*

**Mr Fuzzyhops has many toys in his hutch including tunnels he can hide in, hollow balls that I place bits of carrot in and he rolls them around and the food comes out as well as all the other toys he is spoilt with as per the attached photos. He always has fresh water in all his enclosures except when we are going to shows but as soon as we arrive I offer him water. He is fed as per the diet attached. Because he is in the house where there is temperature control I never have to worry about him being too hot or too cold and my car is air-conditioned so he is comfortable during travel time.**

1. Identify the relevant human safety risks associated with the exhibition and dealing of the animal relevant to the proposed activities (excluding public interaction activities).

**Given Mr Fuzzyhops is always in a clean environment and very well looked after there are not many associated risks. I always wash my hands after playing with him and he has been imprinted by me and loves to be patted so there are no real risks that I can think of.**

1. If any of the activities proposed with species involve public interaction, provide detail including any significant relevant risks and how they will be managed.

**During my magical act I choose a child from the audience to come into the controlled area. I perform a trick where I magically take Mr Fuzzyhops out of an empty hat after the chosen child has waved magical dust over the hat. The child is then given the rabbit to hold however my assistant is always directing the child in how to hold Mr Fuzzyhops and stands by the child at all times supporting the child holding Mr Fuzzyhops. The child is then led off the stage and is given hand sanitiser to use. After the show I hold Mr Fuzzyhops and each child is directed to come onto the stage for a pat and then given hand sanitiser by my assistant. After all the children have had a pat the parents are advised to ensure their children wash their hands with soap and water.**

1. Identify any other significant animal welfare, biosecurity or safety risks that could be associated with the proposed exhibition and dealings of the animal.

**I am aware that the government has pest eradication programs including rabbit biocontrol programs which are designed to control feral rabbits. I have had Mr Fuzzyhops vaccinated to ensure he is not affected by these controls -for example the rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV). I have been on the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries website** [**https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/pest-animals/control-methods/biological**](https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/pest-animals/control-methods/biological) **and read about the control methods as well as the Pest Connect website** [**http://www.pestsmart.org.au/rollout-of-rhdv1-k5-in-australia-information-guide/**](http://www.pestsmart.org.au/rollout-of-rhdv1-k5-in-australia-information-guide/) **and learnt that apart from the RHDV1 v351 strain there is also an additional strain known as RHDV1 K5 which is being tested. I shall contact my veterinarian to see if an additional vaccination is required. Mr Fuzzyhops is always up-to-date with all of his vaccinations and has a 6 monthly check-up at the veterinarian to ensure he is in good health.**

1. How you will manage reproduction of the animal, including for example arrangements for progeny of the animal if breeding permissions are requested?

**Mr Fuzzyhops is desexed.**

1. What are the relevant adverse effects associated with exhibition and dealing of the animal related to the proposed activity(s) and how will they be prevented or minimised? *(e.g. How will the applicant prevent or minimise an event such as escape, theft, animal attack or other for each activity proposed. If an event were to occur how the applicant proposes to prevent or minimise the effects on animal welfare, health, safety or wellbeing of a person or social amenity, the economy and environment.)*

**As per the requirements of the *Exhibited Animals Regulations 2016* Mr Fuzzyhops has already been desexed and microchipped and I have attached both of these certificates and his vaccination certificates with the details of the veterinarian I will be using in Queensland.**

**I am aware that it is important for me to forward these details to Biosecurity Queensland so that if he somehow does escape and is located Biosecurity Queensland can ensure that he is returned to me. If he ever disappears I will ensure that I contact Biosecurity Queensland to notify them so that local councils and inspectors can be forwarded his microchip details on my request and if he is found he can be returned. I doubt very much that he will ever escape because of the precautionary measures I take in ensuring his enclosures are key entry locked or he is under my direct supervision when out of the hutch. I have attached an escape/recapture plan which advises that I will contact Biosecurity Queensland as required under the *Exhibited Animals Regulations 2016,* place signs up in the area where he went missing and contact all local neighbours, the local council and veterinarians so they are all on the lookout and aware of his disappearance.**

**Part F - Supporting information checklist**

Please indicate in the boxes provided how, if any, the relevant documents have been submitted:

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| **Document** | **Up-to-date documents held by the department**  | **Document attached** | **Information detailed****this management plan** | **Not Applicable** |
| Policies including procedures and guidelines .  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Pictures, diagrams and plans of proposed regular enclosure. | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Pictures, diagrams and plans of other proposed enclosures and controlled areas.  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |