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Serious questions remain for kangaroo management

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Livestock Group has acknowledged the Government's decision to develop a long term kangaroo management plan, but insists that many critical questions remain unanswered.

"Farmers and the pet food industry need certainty, and a long-term kangaroo management plan is one way to achieve that," said Mr Leonard Vallance, VFF Livestock President.

"The Government made this decision at the last minute, and we're not confident they have thought through all of the implications of the proposed legislative framework and management plan. There are still many questions that we are seeking clarity on.

"We have serious concerns about the plan being zoned instead of state-wide, additional red tape that will delay effective management, and the increased government bureaucracy from two departments managing the system.

"Over the next six months, the Government must work closely with all stakeholders to ensure the legislation is practical and effective for farmers, shooters and the pet food industry.

"We support a kangaroo management plan in principal, but we need to see the detail of how the plan will function before we can endorse the plan.

"Finally, I want to thank all our members who have shared their local experiences, feedback and photographs. You are some of the key stakeholders in the management of kangaroos and it is essential your voices are heard in the development of this plan," said Mr Vallance.

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About the VFF

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is dedicated to representing the interests of farmers and making a positive difference to their businesses and communities. We strive to create an environment for our members, our farmers, that enables profitable, safe, sustainable production to ensure an enduring social licence in a community that respects and values the sector.