



# Lithgow Environment Group Inc.

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*Preserving the Balance of Nature*

## TRAPPER AGREEMENT

Lithgow Environment Group has the aim of protecting native birds and other wildlife from the threat posed by the Indian (or Common) Myna, as well as to reduce the loss of public amenity that they cause. Part of LEG's strategy is a humane reduction program through trapping and euthanasing mynas. I/We agree to take part in the project commenced by Lithgow Environment Group (LEG) for the control/eradication of Indian Myna populations within the Lithgow Local Government Area and agree to adopt the animal welfare protocol set out below.

There are two options for operating traps – one is purchase from Lithgow Environment Group and the other is to operate a trap on loan which will remain the property of Lithgow Environment Group. It is agreed that ongoing data will be collected and passed on to LEG on a monthly basis so that monitoring of the success of the program can be maintained, whether traps are purchased or on loan. Data collation of captures, monitoring and surveying residual myna numbers are also important aspects of an effective program.

If purchased, the trap will be sold for the cost to Lithgow Environment Group and will remain the property of the purchaser. If loaned, the trap will remain in possession of the trapper on a trust basis for a 3 month period, after which time the loan will be reviewed. The trapper may wish to return the cage or LEG may feel that the trap is required elsewhere as the success rate has been low.

It is further agreed that the traps will be operated in the following manner:

- The traps used are specifically designed for Indian Mynas which avoid trapping native birds
- Seed or seed-based food (e.g. bread) should not be used as this can attract native birds
- Use dry dog food for small adult dogs or cats as the bait
- Trapped birds must have access to adequate food, clean water, shelter and shade
- Traps should be checked morning and night, but avoid approaching trap during daytime hours as this avoids scaring them or associating humans with traps
- Trapped Indian Mynas are to be disposed of in a reasonable period (within 2 days).

The birds are not to be treated cruelly: observe the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act 1992 and see RSPCA policy: [http://kb.rspca.org.au/RSPCA-Policy-E02-Management-of-wild-animals\\_422.html](http://kb.rspca.org.au/RSPCA-Policy-E02-Management-of-wild-animals_422.html)

Should a trapper want to trap the birds only, Lithgow Environment Group will arrange for euthanasia to be carried out. It is also agreed that if a trapper is completing the whole process by carrying out euthanasia, then the birds will be euthanased in the manner recommended by LEG and that is by carbon monoxide, details of which are shown on a separate information sheet.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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