

**PROTECTED**



Bare-nosed wombats are now protected in all States.

The trapping and relocation of wombats is not permitted.

Wombats are territorial animals and if relocated, are likely to be harassed or even killed by resident wombats.

Displaced wombats may also be killed on the road or attacked by dogs as they try to find their way home.



*Wombats will use existing burrows in preference to digging a new one. This is worth remembering as destruction of existing burrows and/or of local wombats is the primary cause of new burrow digging.*



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LIVING WITH WOMBATS



## Are wombats causing fence damage at your place?

There is a solution, research has found installing wombat gates, can reduce fence damage and most importantly wombats will use them.

Instead of going around an obstacle, such as a fence, a determined wombat will try to go through, or under it, sometimes creating problems such as letting dogs out or other unwanted animals in.

The installation of a 'wombat gate' at known wombat breach points along a fence will allow the wombat to pass through without causing damage and the fence will continue to exclude other unwanted animals.

WPSA's website has some ideas for DIY wombat gates. [www.wombatprotection.org.au/mitigation](http://www.wombatprotection.org.au/mitigation)



Now more than ever it is important that we learn to co-exist with our wombats. They are after all Australia's soil engineers and the benefits they bring to our environment is now becoming more evident. Their digging provides a critical role for Australian ecosystems by turning over soil, increasing nutrients from falling leaves and other plants, and creating avenues for water absorption. We need to allow them to move freely through their home territory. Unfortunately, they are often blamed for the damage done by other browsing animals. Wombats may eat some pasture grasses, but do little, if any economic damage to pasture, crops, or plantations.

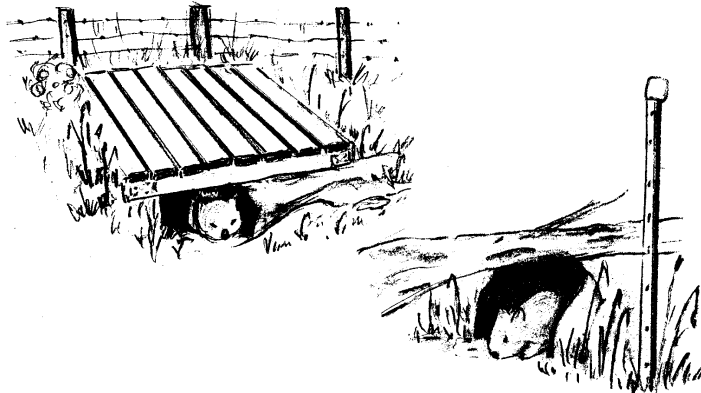


### Concerns

Injuries such as sprains to stock when they inadvertently step into a burrow, or damage when a tractor hits a burrow.

### Management Options

Why not try marking the position of hidden burrows with a star picket capped for easy recognition. This will make it easy for vehicles to avoid crushing burrows, or old pallets can be used to mark burrows and stop stock from getting too close. These and other options can be found on our website.



## Is a wombat keeping you awake at night?

Has a wombat taken up residence under your house? Try setting up a light and a radio under the house when you go to bed. Usually by the time you retire the wombat will have left for a night of foraging. When the wombat returns in the early hours, the sounds of activity (radio and light) should be enough deterrent to make the wombat move on. You may have to do this for a few nights until the wombat gets the message.

It is possible to exclude wombats from continuing to use a burrow under a building by erecting a simple one-way sturdy door that allows the animal to leave, but not to return.

This can also be used when evicting a wombat from a hole in a dam wall or other place where it cannot remain. It can be as simple as a sheet of weld mesh wire with a section cut out and an overlapping section inserted allowing the wombat to push out, but not push back in. This and other solutions can be found at [www.wombatprotection.org.au/mitigation](http://www.wombatprotection.org.au/mitigation).