

## 17. Reptile removalist's licences

- (1) Under section 15 of the Act the Executive Director may issue a reptile removalist's licence that authorises the licensee to capture and remove from, in or near residential premises or other premises frequented by people fauna of the class *Reptilia* that —
  - (a) is venomous;
  - (b) is, or is perceived to be, dangerous to persons at those premises or to their pets or livestock; or
  - (c) is likely to suffer harm if not removed from those premises.
- (2) An application for a reptile removalist's licence —
  - (a) is to be made to the Executive Director, in writing in an approved form; and
  - (b) is to be accompanied by —
    - (i) such references testifying to the experience and ability of the applicant; and
    - (ii) such other information, as the Executive Director requires.
- (3) The Executive Director may refuse to issue a reptile removalist's licence if the Executive Director considers that —
  - (a) the applicant has been convicted of an offence under the Act or has failed to comply with a condition imposed on a licence under the Act;
  - (b) the applicant does not have sufficient experience or ability to properly capture, move and release reptiles of the species for which the licence is sought;
  - (c) the applicant is not able to identify all species of reptiles to which the licence would relate;
  - (d) the manner in which the applicant proposes to take, move or release reptiles is not appropriate; or
  - (e) for any other reason —
    - (i) the operation of the licence would not be in the public interest;
    - (ii) the applicant is not a suitable person to hold the licence; or
    - (iii) the licence should not be issued.
- (4) Unless revoked under section 15(2) of the Act a reptile removalist's licence remains in force for 1, 2 or 3 years as specified in it.