



hawkesbury indian myna action group

animal welfare and trap use protocol

The Hawkesbury Indian Myna Action Group has been formed by community members residing in the Hawkesbury.

This protocol is a guide for animal welfare for trapped Indian Myna birds

(Developed with assistance from the Shoalhaven City Council Indian Myna Action Group).

Management of Traps and Birds

Traps are to be designed specifically for Indian Mynas (or Starlings) and are to have a release opening to allow any native birds to escape.

The trap operator is required to understand the instructions for use of the trap before trapping commences and be committed to the humane operation of the trapping system.

- Ensure no native birds or other wildlife are harmed during trapping.
- Be available to monitor and service the trap on a daily basis - traps are to be checked morning and evening.
- Trappers are not to use seed-based food in traps as this can attract native birds.
- The traps are to contain food and clean water for any trapped birds.
- The birds are not to be exposed to undue stress while trapped — avoid handling or approaching the traps too frequently.
- Trapped Indian Mynas (and Starlings) are to be disposed of in a reasonable period (within two days), rather than kept captive for days on end.
- If decoy birds are used in traps, they and any trapped birds are to have access to adequate food, clean water, shelter and shade.

The birds are not to be treated cruelly and the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979** must be adhered to at all times.

Euthanasia

Euthanasia is the responsibility of the trap operator and must be carried out in accordance with the standard operating procedures (SOPs) produced by Industry and Investment NSW.

Trappers must read and be familiar with the procedures outlined in the SOPs for *Methods of euthanasia* (GEN001) and *Trapping of pest birds* (BIR002), prior to conducting any control activities. Copies of the SOPs are available for download from the following site:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/invasive/publications/humane-control.html>