

Permits Required in Victoria:

Thinking of Joining the Industry

'Water Buffalo (Bubalus bubalis) are classified as a regulated pest animal species in Victoria under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994. To bring into Victoria, keep or breed Water Buffalo in Victoria you must successfully apply for a pest animal permit. For further details and application forms please contact Jenni Nunan on (03) 5761 1580 or at jenni.nunan@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

VicBIC Members,

are reminded that they need to abide by condition 29 of your pest animal private collection permit that states: "In advertising of animals for sale, disposal or trade, the Permit Holder must ensure that the advertisement contains reference to the requirement of persons keeping a pest animal/s to have a Pest Animal Permit and that further information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources." If you have any further questions please contact Jenni Nunan on (03) 5761 1580.

VicBIC (Victorian Buffalo Industry Council) is endeavouring to have Dairy Buffalo removed from the Pest Animal Species. In countries such as Great Britain and other Western Countries, Dairy Buffalo are regarded in the same category as Dairy Cattle. Members are advised that you no longer require permits from buyers from New South Wales, as buffalo there are now regarded as domestic animals.