

## Wildlife Act Review

### Issues Paper Questions – Response 4

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage
- Wildlife welfare

#### Question responses

**1.3.1 Is the Act a barrier to self-determination for Traditional Owners or Aboriginal Victorians? If so, what specific elements give rise to barriers and how might these barriers be reduced or eliminated?**

No

**1.3.2 Should the Act recognise the cultural significance of Country and wildlife to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians? Should the Act explicitly recognise the value of Indigenous Ecological Knowledge for the stewardship of Country and the conservation of wildlife?**

No this may indeed not conserve wildlife

**1.3.3 Should the Act prescribe a role for Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians as key partners in decision making about conserving wildlife? What could that role look like?**

Is this not already the case?

**1.3.4 Should the Act afford additional protection and the ability to return species to country because of their cultural significance?**

No. This may be detrimental to farming activities eg dingoes

**1.3.5 Does the Act provide appropriate mechanisms for Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians to use wildlife? Should the Act support commercial use of wildlife by Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians?**

They already have this right.

**2.3.1 In what ways does the Act succeed or fail in protecting and conserving wildlife habitat? Please provide examples from your own experience.**

Environment Effects Statement provide no protection for flora and fauna

**2.3.2 How should the Act provide for the protection and conservation of wildlife habitat?**

Make proponents of Industrial Wind Energy Facilities (wind farms) more accountable for the destruction of wildlife and habitat. The Act needs to include substantial penalties for non compliance.

**2.3.3 Should the Act prescribe duties for landowners about protecting and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat on their land? What could those duties look like?**

Yes

**2.4.3 Should the Act recognise sentience of some wildlife and, if so, what would this achieve? How would this recognition affect the rights and responsibilities of governments, businesses and individuals?**

Who will be qualified to judge sentience?

**2.4.4 What rights and responsibilities should Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians have related to wildlife?**

Same as all other individuals.

**3.2.1 Should the Act include provisions for consultation with the community on certain issues? What issues should undergo community consultation?**

Destruction of habitat for construction of Industrial Facilities ( wind Farms) in isolated areas where rare and endanger species survive.

**3.2.2 How can community involvement in decision making under the Act be improved?**

Communities within an area have the knowledge to advise best practice in wildlife management.

**3.3.1 Should the Act enable wildlife management plans? What provisions should be included for such plans?**

Yes. Areas where rare and endangered species exist should remain undisturbed. This not the case in the construction of Industrial Wind Energy Facilities (wind Farms). Destruction of habitat is occurring on a mass scale.

**3.4.1 Should the Act simplify and clarify the provisions relating to the various licences, permits and authorities? Is there scope to reduce regulatory burden without undermining the intended outcomes of the Act?**

**5.4.1 Should the Act contain provisions to permit community impact statements relating to the harm caused to wildlife?**

Yes Would community impact statements be acted upon or disregarded?

**5.5.8 Does the Act contain adequate regulatory tools, sanctions and remedies to punish and deter wildlife crime? If not, what additional tools, sanctions and remedies should be included within the Act?**

It would appear wildlife crime can be carried out by first nations people. Is this satisfactory?

**5.8.1 Should the Act provide for third-party civil enforcement under the Act? How might this make a difference in achieving the intended outcomes of the Act?**

No

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