

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

The current treatment of wildlife in vic is a disgrace and I'm really glad this Act is being reviewed. I feel like it perpetuates a very old-fashioned notion of wildlife that they exist simply to be killed for profit, convenience or enjoyment. This act fails wildlife and all the people who care about wildlife and are constantly suffering trying to protect them. I volunteer a huge amount of my time to help wildlife so it's galling that the government is happy just to allow them to be callously killed at the drop of a hat. It's a huge kick in the guts to all the wildlife rescuers, carers and advocates and brutal on communities who love their wildlife. Especially the kids!! Imagine people who love their kangaroos finding out they are all going to be slaughtered for pet food and they have to physically confront shooters to protect them. How about the people who value and protect their wetlands only to have duck shooters roll in and trash and kill the native waterbirds. How about the fact that our emus get their toe bones chopped when they are just chicks so they can be farmed. How about that we kill off the dingos then claim we have to kill kangaroos because they have no predators (not that I believe kangaroo numbers warrant slaughter at all – I think it is propaganda to make \$\$). The government has created a climate of disrespect for wildlife which is evident in the amount of cruelty to wildlife cases. I want an end to all killing of wildlife so I can finally sleep at night. Whilst you're at it please get rid of fencing, netting and poisons that are dangerous to wildlife. Thanks.

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