

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Licenses and authorisations
- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage
- Traditional owner cultural values and use of wildlife

Comment

Cooee , The Djadjawurrung, whose country I am on have intrinsic knowledge of our wildlife which evolved over millennia. Legislation about our living environment is complex, like the relationships between elements and living things. I can imagine the intimate moment by moment relationship Djadjawurrung children had with wildlife and habitat. The Djadjawurrung children earned a licence to use their knowledge in the environment. Contemporary life distances children from the natural environment. We need to re-establish connection with nature. We could listen to Djadjawurrung and support them on country, develop curriculum, employ many more qualified Rangers, more school excursions and camps. We have another problem that needs early intervention , Fire. Our wildlife and habitat is suffering because the vast majority of the fires are caused by humans and many are deliberately lit. We could redirect our resources to engage with our children,. We have to include old and mixed growth native forest cutting in any legislation re: wild life and habitat.

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