

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 274:

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Primary interests:

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

Comment

I am so disgusted with how wildlife is treated in this state and I hope this act really changes attitudes from killing to respecting and preserving. I think our treatment of kangaroos is particularly disgraceful and we urgently need a review as they have recently done in NSW. It's not ok that kangaroos are constantly being slaughtered and not only is it horrendously cruel, it is truly traumatic and excruciating for communities who love them. Many of us don't trust the numbers on kangaroo abundance which are more than is even biologically possible.

It's completely ludicrous to keep allowing duck shooting when Waterbird numbers are showing a long term decline. Both Hardhead and Shovelers meet the requirements for vulnerable species. Rare and threatened species are regularly killed and the laws are impossible to enforce. I often think of all the legal shooting sites that are never even visited by authorities yet people can shoot there every day throughout the season. Why not invest in some infrastructure for ecotourism and see these areas thrive instead of being trashed by shooters?

We will never stop all the cruelty to wildlife in this state until the government stops enabling the abusers. Respectful coexistence and appreciation should be the order of the day in a progressive society.

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