

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 294:

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare

#### Comment

In considering emerging issues affecting wildlife protection and conservation, sustainable use and access:

Bright individual light sources as well as the cumulative impact of increased use of light across Victoria as a state contributes to negative impacts on wildlife.

Globally, light pollution is increasing as the population increases. It is easier to address the issue of light pollution now before the problem gets bigger.

Melbourne's bat populations avoid areas that are most affected by light pollution.

A ban on further outdoor lit-up billboards, replacement street lighting using low luminance street lighting and limiting night-time use and brightness of lighting of sports fields are some suggestions to curb the current trend of increasing light pollution in Melbourne and Victoria.

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