

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

Invasive animals like to deer should not be protected under the guise of being a game species when they are responsible for the destruction of native vegetation. They should be treated as a pest and culled by the relevant authorities. The Wildlife Act needs to be strengthened by the appointment of an independent statutory regulator who has the authority to drastically increase penalties for wildlife infringements with prison sentences being a serious option. Like many Victorians, I am constantly appalled by the leniency given to people who wantonly destroy protected wildlife, the recent poisoning off hundreds of wedge-tailed eagle in Gippsland, a case in point.

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