

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 21:

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage Hunting of wildlife

Comment

As a farmer with land management considerations and infrastructure I must manage wildlife impact at times of over population events. These events are not healthy for neither the wildlife or my livestock struggling with feed and water supply issues but also my landscape function and infrastructure damage. Current processes with relation to an ATCW are sufficient enough to ensure compliance while still giving the landholder an ability to apply lethal control (in conjunction with other options) should they feel the need. In my experience the quotas (lethal control limits) applied seem a little low for the size of the problem so if these could be reviewed with the intent of increasing I feel that would be a good step. The same landscape damage and issues apply in National Parks, State Forests and other public lands. Recreational hunting and the current policies, procedures and compliance are sufficient as they stand. Along with other control methods recreational hunting should continue to be part of that mix where any individual with the correct attitude, safety and licensing can partake in hunting should they be interested. International hunting should be something that we in Australia should be promoting and receiving the financial benefits in all levels of government, business and local towns. A look at New Zealand's industry international visitation and rewards would be worth considering a something suitable for Australia.

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