

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 260:

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

My greatest wish is that all levels of government, but particularly the Victorian Government, ensure the protection and well-being of all of our wildlife. I believe it is paramount to discontinue impinging on remaining wildlife habitat and to ensure the health and protection of remaining wildlife habitat for them. Shooting of our wild ducks is no longer tolerable and needs to be banned immediately as it is in WA, Qld and NSW. (However, any culling permits such as those currently used by NSW Dept of Primary Industries for shooting native ducks on crop properties would need better protections and limitations built in.) The number of wildlife species already extinct and at endangered and threatened levels is an unforgivable indictment on Australians all. More effort and funding towards their lives and future and less spending on hunting and greedy land grabbing for humans is vital. Finally, cruelty to any animal is the most abhorrent and hateful behaviour and is outside my comprehension and tolerance. It is far too common which is an indication that existing penalties are too lenient. Real and meaningful penalties for mistreatment of any wildlife are not only required but need to be enforced to deter offenders. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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