

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Protections for marine mammals
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

Australia's Wildlife is iconic and must be protected for both environmental and economic reasons. Wildlife offences should be prosecuted in every instance and penalties applied without exceptions. These offences and penalties should be widely publicized and not just listed on boards at entrances to national parks. Schools should be raising awareness of the value of environment and its inhabitants through appropriate exercises including outdoor projects which familiarise children, especially those from other countries, with Australia's unique flora and fauna the effects of invasive species need to be studied and their handling considered in light of the length of their occupation, the damage they might do and any contribution they might make to our current environmental status. The co existence of environmental preservation in tandem with important food production and other land and sea use should be an aim. The effect of marine traffic on the marine environment must be studied and ameliorated to promote both industry goals and preservation goals. Rewilding projects in degraded areas should be supported and encouraged. National Parks must be open to the public, allocating at least 20% of the park to visitor amenities to encourage public usage and engagement with the environment. Learning from Indigenous land use and animal management would be a very useful place to start in understanding and managing our precious environment

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