

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 120a:

Contributor: Individual – Denise Bewry

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Eco-tourism involving wildlife
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife

Comment

In short, my main concern is that we are not caring for our wildlife. They are not pests. Wildlife must exist in nature. If it didn't exist and continue to survive, then wildlife wouldn't exist at all. Stop hunting of all types, reduce greatly grazing pastures so bushland can regenerate which will possibly balance out the reproduction of wildlife. Wildlife must be transferred under wildlife vet supervision, not killed to make way for a development e.g. Kinley. At least some of those roos may survive, or better still, cease development. Employ qualified wildlife carers whose main interest is the preservation of our wildlife and bushland, not to reach for the gun or poison to eradicate "pests." Introduced species can be controlled in other ways than using cruel methods to kill them e.g. 1080. Using 1080 is absurd.

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120b:

Contributor: Individual – Deborah Webbey

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare

Comment

My greatest concern for our wildlife is the commercial slaughter of our kangaroos, once profit is introduced into wildlife control and an industry is built that makes millions from their slaughter, the welfare of animals is secondary, seasonal and weather variations such as drought, floods, and the worst fires ever seen, do not change the number of kangaroos slaughtered to feed this industry. Counting methods are at best a calculated guess with no counts after the fires that destroyed so many. The large males are the first targeted, destroying the healthy breeding stock, in many cases, the big males have disappeared, this leaves the females and joeys to be hunted with the burgeoning of joeys, slamming them against a bull bar or leaving them to die slowly., animals are also shot but escape into the bush with gunshot wounds to die a slow and agonizing death, if population control needs to exist this should be carried out by government employees with no profit to be made, remove the industry from slaughtering our wildlife, I would also like to mention the inhumane use of 1080 poison to kill dingoes, this is so barbaric and disturbing when most of the world has banned this, Dingoes are at the top of the food chain and provide a balance when left alone they prey on feral species and control kangaroo numbers, other non-target species are dying from the indiscriminate use of this substance, such as birds of prey that also provide a balance.

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120c:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

As a member of the general public I adore wildlife and I would like to list here below some requests that I hope could be discussed during the law review:

 An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

 An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'

 Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

 Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles

 The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare

 A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act

 Funding for wildlife rescue and care

 Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

So many of us love and care for Australian wildlife and wish to live in harmony with them and the environment. In 2021 would be great to see an improvement to how we care for these amazing beings and how to end barbaric treatment and hurt to these beautiful species. It's time for Australia to lead by example.

Thank you in advance for reading my thoughts,

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120d:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

This system is based on the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975 which has not been reviewed for 45 yrs.

Please stop the following

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-  A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
-  Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
-  A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife NSW now has a law to protect animals. Please follow this positive direction.

#stopkillingkangaroos

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120e:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Traditional owner cultural values and use of wildlife

Comment

I would like to see immediately:

An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

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Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife.

Kangaroos need us now more than ever.

#stopkillingkangaroos

Provided June 13/2021

Submission Comment 120f:

Contributor: Individual – Sarah Hart

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Other: Wildlife carer & rescuer support

Comment

1. Our wildlife rescuers & carers are under enormous pressure physically, financially, emotionally, psychologically & desperately need support. I'd like to see the government recognise wildlife rescue as full-time employment & through Centerlink, provide a benefit to all who are unable to support themselves financially. Their role is 24/7. No holidays, annual leave, sick leave or other. We should be supporting these service providers who are crucial to the conservation of Australian wildlife, ecology & environment.

The counseling service, Wildtalk, should be funded by the government & made available free of charge to all wildlife rescuers & carers.

2. Victoria & the whole of Australia needs an independent body solely focused on the welfare & management of wildlife. The existing authority issuing licences to rescue & rehabilitate, along with licenses to kill is hypocritical & unworkable. It does not represent the interests of our animals nor their rescuers & carers.

3. I'd like to see full support from the authority for the relocation of mobs of land-locked kangaroos by those who have been doing this successfully for years. Professional volunteer groups including veterinarians, rescuers & carers should be permitted to provide this service unimpeded.

4. I ask for an end to 'Authority to Control Wildlife Permits'. The barbaric practice of indiscriminately murdering innocent, sentient beings has to end. Alternative humane solutions are available.

5. I ask for a ban on all poisons that either directly (1080 killing dingoes) or indirectly (rodent chemical control killing birds) kill wildlife. No animal deserves such cruel death.

6. I ask for a ban on ALL recreational shooting of wildlife.

7. I ask for funding for the installation of virtual fencing along known wildlife hotspots where collisions with vehicles are common. Sonic animal repellents (ie: Shoo Roo) available at cost for all to install on their vehicles.

8. I ask you to respect all wildlife.

Provided June 13/2021

Submission Comment 120g:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Hunting of wildlife

Comment

As people who love and value wildlife it seems we are constantly fighting against a system that is stacked against us. This system is based on the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975 which has not been reviewed for over 45 years and here are some general comments about why I care and how I think wildlife should be

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Funding for wildlife rescue and care

A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife

A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife Thank you

Provided June 17/2021

Submission Comment 120h:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Hunting of wildlife

Comment

In this age of climate change and associated loss of biodiversity of species, it is absolutely vital that we start in our own backyard and protect our own native Australian wildlife. We are ourselves an evolved species. Outdated 45 year old laws do not match our new understandings of sentience in animals or the importance of protecting wildlife. It is in our own best interests to protect native Australian flora and fauna. It is also the evolved and compassionate mindset that we need to take now, in the 21st century. Therefore I want to see changes in the current laws that bring:

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Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 18/2021

Submission Comment 120i:

Contributor: Individual – Helen Smyth

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

Like a lot of other ordinary people I would like to see the following

- * An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits- recently men with shotguns were given a permit to race around a metropolitan golf club at dusk to kill kangaroos- a total risk nightmare. This was prevented by families going there to protest.
- * An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'- it turned out that this was the real basis of the golf club 'cull'
- * A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)- come up to the country and see the terror on children's faces when they hear the guns first thing in the morning and know that there are men out there who'll shoot at anything because they can get away with it.
- * Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
- * Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles- it's utterly stupid to have to choose between praying you don't hit a roo in your little car or killing them all so you don't
- * The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
- * A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties- absolutely needed * Funding for wildlife rescue and care- one day on Facebook would demonstrate this need
- * A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
- * Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
- * A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife- have you seen the small mountain of dead owls in NSW?
- * A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
- * Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 19/2021

Submission Comment 120j:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare

Comment

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Provided June 19/2021

Submission Comment 120k:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I am writing this email as I hold huge concerns for our precious wildlife in Victoria and the inhumane slaughter and disregard for their importance and right to live a free and calm life. I request that you consider a number of these points I have included and look after and protect our precious and unique Wildlife instead of Slaughter and destroy important habitat. The world loves and appreciates our wildlife it is time the Australian Government did as well.

I request that you put a stop to:

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
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-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value our precious wildlife.

#stopkillingkangaroos, koalas, wombats, native ducks.

Thankyou for your time and reading my email, I sincerely hope there is a dramatic change for the better for the sake of our dwindling wildlife

Kind regards

Provided June 19/2021

Submission Comment 120n:

Contributor: Individual – Lucy Dwyer

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

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 Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value our precious wildlife.

I would also like to see harsher penalties for people who injure or kill animals. I'm sick of the slap on the wrist. They don't care about a monetary penalty as they just don't pay it. Make them do community service, something to do with looking after animals and learning how to treat them better. My preferred option would be jail time but that's not going to teach them anything and it ends up costing us to house them. And please, why is the government still going by an 1975 Act, really needs to be brought up to date.

Provided June 20/2021

Submission Comment 120o:

Contributor: Individual – Ian Woff

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare
- Protections for marine mammals

Comment

I care greatly about our native wildlife and the negative impact we are having upon them, particularly from relentless development. I would like to see the following:

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-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value our precious wildlife.

Please increase levels of protection for our precious native wildlife.

Provided June 21/2021

Submission Comment 120p:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Compliance and enforcement
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

Victoria needs more comprehensive protections for wildlife, and greater penalties on people who harm our wildlife. Our ecosystem is fragile enough as is, without the added stress from pointless exploitation and cruelty by humans. Some valuable changes to Wildlife Act 1975 could be:

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Provided June 21/2021