

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 204:

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

#### Comment

I would like to offer my opinion on the following issues. I object to the inadequate punishment of people convicted of cruelty to wildlife. Lack of adequate punishment sends a message to the community that our wildlife is not important and does not deter potential offenders. Offenders should be made examples of with increased fines and imprisonment. I object to the use of wildlife for tourism and entertainment. Making money from exhibiting animals can lead to exploitation and cruelty, many examples of this exist, adequate rules and regular inspections of premises should occur. I object to unregulated clearing of habitat for housing and other developments. Lack of habitat impacts on breeding. Destruction of feeding areas cause significant and ongoing health issues for wildlife. All new housing developments should include large wildlife corridors. Existing wildlife populations need to be considered before approval is given. Caviates should exist in sensitive wildlife areas regarding "cat curfews" and "dog Free" zones. Local councils should offer free and compulsory companion pet desexing.

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