

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 99:

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Primary interests:

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

Comment

I am concerned that the biggest landholder group in the state , the Farming sector is not represented on the advisory Panel. The current Act is based on a regulatory approach but needs to use other mechanisms to encourage voluntary compliance. Private land holders /farmers are the custodians of much of the land and must be supported and encouraged to protect and improve biodiversity values and services on their land. The whole community of Victoria is the beneficiary and must contribute to a much greater level through investment an incentives to do this. Farmers need to have effective methods and be able to mange problem wildlife impacting on their enterprises , ie Kangaroos, wombats, Corellas, Dingoes. The alternative is for a state funded compensation scheme such Alberta Canada

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