

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 150:

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare
- Compliance and enforcement

#### Comment

My wish is for all wildlife in the State of Victoria, indeed Australia, be protected from shooters and murderers and sometimes from the Government itself. Wildlife like kangaroos need to be treasured and respected by governments and people doing everything possible to protect wildlife and/or restore habitat. A new organisation needs to be established composed of vets, wildlife officers, wildlife rescuers and others to oversee this. Stiff penalties for those who hurt, torture or kills wildlife be put in place and most importantly, be enforced. Archaic laws need to change to reflect the shift towards protecting these wonderful creatures. Poisoning needs to stop. A new culture to respect animals and wildlife. To promote this a very creative PR campaign be instituted in media advising the public how important wildlife is, what they need to do in various instances whether to rescue or call in wildlife cruelty, who they need to call. A dedicated 24 hour state-wide hot line needs to be put in place where people can call in injured wildlife and a team of rescuers on call to help injured wildlife recover in safety and security. A schools program is also needed teaching young people the value and sanctity of wildlife which can become embedded in school learning. We are losing valuable wildlife. Im including foxes here too, foxes, horses, possums and other creatures who are deemed non indigenous to Australia...a term used as an excuse to kill more beautiful wildlife...conservation is important, growing more habitat, setting aside special natural land...please take my comment seriously. There are heartbreaking culls for no reason...we need to lift our collective thinking and beliefs to a higher level to achieve this new respect for our wonderful wildlife to preserve them.

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