

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 171:

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#### Primary interests:

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

#### Comment

Wildlife are threatened and killed by ingesting balloons, choking on them or becoming entangled in ribbons. Wildlife affected include shorebirds, seabirds, platypus etc. Even though Victoria has a ban on releasing balloons, people still release balloons because helium is readily available to the general public, notably as kits at retail outlets and as helium filled balloons at many discount shops, newsagents etc. We need to nationally regulate the sale and use of helium for inflating balloons..

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