

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

- Private and/or commercial keeping, breeding, trading, displaying and/or processing of wildlife or wildlife products
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage

Comment

Our wildlife deserve more respect. Too often they are abused at the hands of humans (for entertainment, greed) or killed because they have become an inconvenience or nuisance (e.g. Heritage Golf Club). All animals are sentient beings and really at the mercy of human decisions. We are therefore responsible for not harming them and simply allowing them to be. We have so many opportunities to make their lives better. We can protect their habitat so they can thrive. We can have harsher penalties for people caught abusing or killing them. We can educate people on why wildlife are important to the whole eco-system. We can provide more sanctuaries for injured or orphaned wildlife. We can improve road barriers where there are a high number of wildlife fatalities (safer for humans and animals!). We can change laws that will consider wildlife impact ahead of property development. We can stop selling off parts of our rainforests to humans who want to destroy it so they can have a nice view. We can encourage and support businesses who can help reduce waste that ends up in waterways that harm marine life. We can have harsher financial and criminal penalties for business who destroy natural habitats. We can educate people on how the wildlife goods they purchase go from being in the wild to sitting on the shelves in the stores. It's in our best interests to have thriving natural habitats full of wildlife. People want wildlife around them; the donations to wildlife organisations following the bushfires and the popularity of eco-tourism demonstrate that. People want to go camping or bushwalking and feel the wonder of seeing an animal in their natural habitat. Thank you for reviewing the wildlife act. I only wish I could have ticked all of the available options.

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