

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 301:

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare

#### Comment

I strongly oppose any and all culling of native wildlife in the state of Victoria. I believe that an independent statutory body needs to be established to protect the interests of native wildlife in Victoria. I believe that the humane reduction and potential elimination of introduced pests (deer, wild pigs, feral cats, brumby horses) needs to be a priority in the state's parks and forests. I believe that a funded plan to develop suitable spaces for koala populations needs to be allocated. The new statutory body on native wildlife needs have plans to not only protect the state's existing wildlife but also to provide extensive sanctuaries in national and state parks in Victoria to revive the populations of threatened native wildlife species. Native wildlife needs to be taken out of the control of DEWLP and be given to a government-funded independent statutory body.

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