

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 311:

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#### Primary interests:

- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage
- Hunting of wildlife
- Licenses and authorisations

#### Comment

Given that 1/3 of the entire state is crown land restrictions of wildlife management should be eased on private land owners, state government should stick to management of state land. Many farms face the serious issues of disease impacting operations which is spread by prolific wildlife numbers (which are not being managed), with addition days and weeks of the year fixing infrastructure that is regularly damaged by wildlife (fences, tracks, sheds etc). Losses due to pasture/crop damage are another significant issue, clearly evident when there are more kangaroos than stock. Existing hurdles to control wildlife need to be significantly reduced.

Game management have also been clearly acting not in good faith to the hunters who have to pay money for the privilege to deal with perpetually growing restrictions and bureaucracy. Game permits should be free as they are state imposed restrictions, therefore if the Victorian community as a whole wish to impose these restrictions then it should apply to every tax payer not those being restricted. This principle applies to all permits and fee's introduced to manage bureaucracy.

Similarly, the native and plantation timber industry is already one of the most sustainable timber industries across the country, and the rest of the world for that matter. The regulations imposed due to uneducated, or significantly biased individuals has a serious impact of the viability of the industry and is pushing the lowest bidder to import from countries where there is little or no management (or even desire to manage). The policies and procedures in our timber industry should be exempt from any further impositions (this Act)

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