

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 281:

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare
- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage

Comment

I am writing this as I make my way home on a flight from the Gold Coast to Melbourne to enter a 14 day self quarantine. I have to admit that I'm feeling bloody sad, helpless, anxious and darn right annoyed.

But the feelings I'm having right now aren't new to me. I get them whenever I think about the plights and perils that our glorious wildlife face into every single minute, every single day because governments, communities and businesses are more interested in economic growth no matter the cost to the environment and the animals.

Wildlife and their habitat isn't infinite. I therefore ask you please to put our wildlife first, give them a voice, give them protection, through the following ways

- give them abundant habitat,
- we should not be hurting or culling wildlife
- we can manage growing, nuisance wildlife populations through contraception, not culling
- we should fund animal shelters and rehabilitation centres, and reward animal rescuers
- increase the fines and jail time for cruelty or killing,
- the application process to kill pest animals must be more arduous and overseen by independent reviewer. The community must be consulted.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincere thanks

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