

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 225:

Contributor: Individual

#### Primary interests:

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

#### Comment

I am a young male Victorian (29), who enjoys very much, the outdoors and the wildlife this state provides. Being a legal and responsible hunter of many species of game including deer, ducks and game birds, pest animals such as foxes, rabbits and kangaroos. I want to see these animals properly managed, yet protected- from both unethical hunting (thermal and long range) / illegal poaching, unrealistic, inhumane and costly methods of control. Kangaroos need to be taken off protection and a tag system introduced. The culling of Sambar deer in the Vic high country is not warranted. The deer are not causing the damage people accuse them of. The decision to spend huge amounts of money on aerial culling, for the amount of deer taken doesn't make sense.

I feel that it makes sense to Utilise people who understand the Chosen species for culling to do the job for free: licenced hunters in areas that have been closed to hunting, allowing these deer to grow in large numbers, (fridge country / parks).

Poisoning of these pest animals may seem to work but what damage is being done to the native animals?

The bounty for foxes and dogs is a fantastic incentive, I would put forward a bounty for cats also? The Vic duck season is short and regulated, the attack on it from people who oppose it is extreme. We pass identification tests for a reason and have regulations for a reason, yet we are annually discriminated against. We should be allowed to access these birds through hunting and hunter conservation. Plenty to go around! For both bird watcher and ethical hunter.

I want my children to enjoy these animals/ all wild life and food resources. I want fair access for all Victorians, hunter and non hunter. I want to see fair chase for these beautiful animals, I want hunting to be known as what hunting has been for 1000s of years, these animals are not targets for long range shooters and the use of thermal imaging is unethical and unfair.

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