

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife
- Eco-tourism involving wildlife

Comment

I believe Australia is way behind in areas of conservation of wildlife and their habitats. Our amazing animals, some found only in Australia, should be protected and respected! Their habitats should not be bulldozed for housing and shopping complexes, this will only drive them further towards extinction! We need to live in harmony with nature and our wildlife, not destroy their homes and families! All hunting should be banned along with the egregiously cruel application of 1080 poison baits! We are fortunate to have some wonderful dedicated wildlife carers and rescuers who know more about our wildlife than any government departments. They should lead the way and not be inhibited by bureaucratic bungling and inaction. Offences for injuring and killing wildlife are manifestly inadequate. Until the Courts start handing down the harshest of sentences, ie huge fines and jail time, our wildlife will continue to be at the mercy of cruel brainless imbeciles. We have such unique iconic animals here in Australia. Tourists want to see them in their natural surrounds NOT in a zoo! We are failing to acknowledge this opportunity in Australia and we do so at our peril! Our International reputation has been damaged, as caring supporters who have donated towards the rehabilitation and care of our wildlife after the catastrophic bushfires, are now becoming aware that our government has sanctioned and supported the slaughtering of our amazing macropod the Kangaroo and their Joeys in an unsustainable industry, promoting the sale for human consumption of Kangaroo body parts! If we start valuing and appreciating the natural asset we have in this country - our wildlife, we can rebuild our reputation as a caring country, instead of one intent on wiping out all that is uniquely Australian. Build wildlife corridors to protect wildlife and also the locals and tourists travelling our vast roads and country towns. There is hope, if we care enough to do what needs to be done!

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