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Review of the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975

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The Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society (MPAS) representing the interests of the society members across the Mornington Peninsula, Greater Melbourne, and Victoria in general, having worked with Society members and other interested stakeholders, would like to submit the following for your consideration and input.

MPAS with a primary focus on avicultural interests would like to formally support and endorse the input to this review provided by both the 1. Canary and Cage Bird Federation of Australia and the 2. Victorian Avicultural Council.

While endorsing the above, MPAS would also like to highlight the additional following Avicultural specific points in relation to the review.

1. We recommend and support the alignment of all species and the schedules that they are listed in, along with license levels and exemption status, across the Eastern Australian states with those in Queensland and as currently proposed for NSW.
2. We recommend and support the removal of the 6-month waiting period before purchased licensed wildlife can be on sold or transferred to another license holder.
3. We recommend and support the removal of the need for import/export permits when trading birds within Australia and/or across the Eastern States.
4. We recommend and support the urgent upgrading of the existing paper-based license record keeping system in favour of electronic record keeping, while giving due consideration to grandfathering of paper-based record keeping for the older members of the avicultural community that are working predominantly paper based.



In conjunction with this point we further recommend the streamlining of the existing need to take paper record keeping books away from licensed premises for bird expos and sales.

5. We recommend and support the elimination of the need for registered and recognised avicultural organisations, societies, and associations to apply for the right to run bird expos and sales.
6. We recommend that pet shops and bird dealers should be able to sell all unlicensed species without the need to hold a dealer's license and keeping records of the purchasers and sellers. We strongly believe that birds traded at pet shop/dealer level are generally quite common in aviculture and unlawful trading in them is highly unlikely.
7. We recommend and support the limitation of the "right of entry" to property for license conformance reasons. Entry should be via advance notice and permission, or with an appropriately issued warrant.

MPAS remain eager, willing, and able to engage in further discussion and dialogue in relation to this review.

For and on behalf of the Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society

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