

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage
- Private and/or commercial keeping, breeding, trading, displaying and/or processing of wildlife or wildlife products

Comment

The wildlife licensing system at the current state is far behind technology to the point where it is becoming burdensome on DELWP as it time intensive and also comes across embarrassingly slow with the community. The licensing needs to be online. Having physical books can exist still, but licencing needs to be online as a primary resource of recording transactions/breeding/selling. With COVID there has been a strong push to use QR codes for recording your details whilst visiting locations. I believe each license holder having a QR code that allows you to scan their details before a transaction could be a great way to keep track of animal keepers. I would like to see a system where for example, Person A wants to buy a Python from Person B. In this transaction Person A will scan Person Bs QR Code, take a photo of said animal, then Person B can Confirm the exchange at a later date. This alongside a profile with the normal amount/list of animals someone is keeping. The reasoning behind the Photos and QR codes is that it would be hard for someone to pretend to be another person using their details (Fake license numbers etc), It also stops people requiring the sharing of personal information as address etc, and also records the exact animal in time of what was purchased and is stored. This can hopefully stop importation of mutations from overseas, but also poaching and other things. I believe this system, with a few tweaks, can make compliance a lot easier for the users, but also allow DELWP officers an easier time to police the wildlife system. The infrastructure may cost to implement, however the upkeep costs will be a lot lower.

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