

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 304:

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare
- Eco-tourism involving wildlife

#### Comment

I'm writing to say that I care about wildlife and want more protections for them and higher penalties for abusers. I want to see an end to the exploitation of wildlife whether by farmers, recreational shooters, businesses etc. I think it is outdated to keep suggesting killing is the only option when we have so much sophisticated technology available to us to enable us to live in harmony with wildlife. Not to mention that we are killing off some of our best tourism assets.

Why not install sonic fences or wildlife bridges over dangerous roads? Why not leave wildlife corridors when planning? Why not teach people how to use effective non-lethal deterrents instead of shooting and poisoning? The very least we can do is stop the brutal slaughter of kangaroos, ducks, quail, emus and dingos. It is all completely abhorrent and unnecessary. We are supposed to be an enlightened and progressive country so surely we can do better. It upsets people so much when roo or duck shooters come into their neighbourhood because we all know it isn't 'ethical' or 'regulated'. We know abusers rarely get held to account and if they do it is a slap on the wrist with a wet lettuce. I don't understand why the government keep enabling these people then act surprised when we see random acts of cruelty. The government is training its citizens that wildlife is worthless and fine to kill because they pose an inconvenience or because it is fun. Please make this version of the act actually protect wildlife.

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