

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 180:

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Primary interests:

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

Comment

Having worked closely with Kangaroos and other native wildlife. I do not believe that commercial Kangaroo Harvesting is viable in its current format. The kangaroos that i have worked closely with have taken at least 4 years to produce 1 joey and the majority of those joeys were taken by foxes or other predators. Harvesting kangaroos without proper management could lead to unintended consequences. It is not unconceivable for the Kangaroo to become endangered with residential growth pushing into their habitat, introduced predators and commercial hunting. There were reasons why the kangaroo along other natives were put protected in the first place. There are other alternatives for the way that kangaroo harvesting is managed. For example designating certain area where kangaroo populations are encouraged to flourish and only harvested when the population has reached a un manageable number. Not unlike a plantation forest. As somebody who works closely with wildlife I have personally seen the damage and cruelty inflicted on our wildlife in these so called harvesting and it is disgusting. As well as being a wildlife volunteer I am a shooter and i know that the head of a kangaroo does not present a large target and after that first shot is let loose the other will flee an any other shots have an increased chance of of injuring the roo as opposed to humanely killing it. The actual harvest of Kangaroos leaves a lot to be desired in regards to management, as I have heard many stories from with firearms stores of harvesters who regularly trespass to take roos out of peoples private property. All of our native wildlife is precious and needs to be valued and by doing this it can provide incomes for generations to come and not just for a short term profit.

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