

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 190:

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Protections for marine mammals
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

1. So called recreational duck shooting needs to be banned in Vic. Drought and inadequate breeding areas in wetlands have seen population numbers of wild duck species plummet. Shooters are indiscriminant in terms of what duck species are targeted (ie endangered species are wounded or killed) and blatant acts of cruelty are commonplace. Most of the VIC public are against this useless activity of cruelty.

2. Use of poison 1080 must be STOPPED! This is banned in every other country except NZ for a good reason. Countless species die an appallingly painful death....and humans in contact with affected animals have become extremely ill too. Killing dingoes (a protected species) is illegal but they and other species are specifically targeted. Use of 1080 is common in urban areas. Disaster waiting to happen!

3. Slaughter of roos is appalling, particularly given that the Vic govt has recently given approval for them to be killed for human consumption. The slaughter of these iconic native animals causes untold trauma to the adults, being shot and wounded by anyone (including kids) with a licence and no skills ... and joeys are often clubbed to death or left to die. Reports from roo carers/rescuers document a total lack of care regarding how these animals are killed and often involves non lethal wounding which incapacitates the animals.

4. Habitat destruction (including draining ponds or wetlands), primarily for human urban development or human recreation (eg, golf courses) never considers the wellbeing of the native animals who live in these locations....nor the impact of destroying native vegetations species . Overgrazing by agricultural animals also causes massive degradation of natural habitats.

5. Totally inadequate ability to monitor and enact punishment for acts of cruelty related to wildlife eg poisoning/deaths of 200 eagles by farmer in Gippsland recently.

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