

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 309:

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#### Primary interests:

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

#### Comment

My family cares about wildlife and would like to see them stop getting persecuted. It seems a lot of the negative attitudes about wildlife start from the top with DELWP and GMA signing off on continual culls, 'harvesting' and poisoning. We are always battling to save the wildlife we love and the anxiety about what will happen to them really affects us. We have strong bonds with our local birds and animals and would be devastated (especially my child) if they came to harm which always seems imminent. I expect the government to protect wildlife and heavily prosecute those inflicting cruelty yet that never seems to happen. The attitude needs to come from government that wildlife has inherent value and we need to adjust to live with them respectfully, not just kill. It makes no sense for the government to both try and prosecute wildlife cruelty whilst also sanctioning wildlife cruelty. My favourite animals are kangaroos, ducks, parrots and flying foxes and they seem to always be getting targeted. It causes us a lot of heartache and we hope a new Act will protect wildlife and communities from rampant killing.

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