

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

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

Comment

I was horrified when I recently discovered the total lack of checks and balances that exist around our process for 'controlling wildlife'

The current process is a simple form, working on an honour system, whereby a land owner identifies 'x' numbers of local wildlife as annoying, claims to have explored other options for management (how about trying co-existence?) and then approval is granted to cull (kill) within days.

This is not what our native wildlife deserves!

As a bare minimum, an independent count should be undertaken of the wildlife population numbers, the landowner should be required to provide proof of damage caused by the wildlife and ALL other methods of management must be proven to have been trialled. Additionally, there should be an opportunity for consultation with the local community (similar to the process for house renovations) where comments can be made from neighbours and objections or suggestions raised. Only after this process, should a permit be even CONSIDERED.

I would like this review of the Wildlife Act to apply greater transparency and community consultation, as well as more stringent checks and balances to ATCW requests, in order to better protect our wildlife.

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