

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 107:

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

Australia's wildlife deserves to be Respected! Celebrated! Protected! This is their home too! An I.O.A.W (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) is urgently required! There are too many conflicts of interest! For far too long the Fox has been in charge of the Hen house! The habitat of many species continues to be destroyed through logging and commercial & urban development. This needs to be strictly controlled as wildlife are being driven ever closer to extinction through loss of habitat and starvation, as in Koalas who only eat certain types of gum leaves! There are far too many A.T.C.W.s issued! I was astounded when I saw the amount & variety of innocent animals that were allowed to be slaughtered! Why?

Also there are more permits to kill Kangaroos than there are Kangaroos in Victoria! Consequently there are no longer any weight limits in an attempt to satisfy the commercial Kangaroo killing industry. You can not only kill the adults & in pouch Joeys but any at foot or juveniles as well thereby eliminating future generations and driving the iconic Australian Kangaroo to extinction. Dedicated & experienced wildlife carers & rescuers should always be the first point of call during emergencies, rescues & relocations of wildlife! They have proved it can be done successfully! Many have dedicated their lives to the rehabilitation of sick & injured wildlife & should not be subjected to the sound of gunfire of a night, wondering if some of the precious animals they have saved are now in the shooters line of fire! Measly fines & community orders are obviously no deterrent for animal abusers! Make the fines hurt & jail sentences apply!

Marine animals should never be kept in captivity in unnatural conditions in small chlorinated tanks, & forced to perform demeaning tricks. Marine mammals & the environment must be protected from oil drilling, nets & human rubbish.

Tourists love to see our wildlife in their natural environment, but will there be any left?

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