

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 303:

Contributor: Individual

#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife
- Wildlife welfare

#### Comment

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I am super passionate about wildlife and it is a big strain on me to always be battling it out for their protection. I am exhausted and it impinges on my health and family. I hope the act will protect all animals, even supposedly abundant ones that the government seems to think are dispensable. I have been working so hard to protect a mob of kangaroos and I am constantly paranoid that if I am not there they will be killed. Worst of all it will be legal under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program but I know the truth of what happens behind supposedly 'humane' killing and I don't want to see the mob I love terrorised in front of each other, wounded, joeys bludgeoned etc – all to provide a pathogen filled meat to feed peoples non-native animals. Kangaroos are so sensitive, sweet and family oriented and you quickly become attached to mobs and recognise the family relationships and personalities. It is devastating to me that my mob is at risk and it is taking a huge toll on my mental health and that of many others I know as well. They are precious to locals and visitors/tourists alike. This is the reality behind the casual kills sanctioned by the government. It's a disgrace and downright cruel. We need an independent office of animal welfare that will put an end to these awful killing programs that affect so many types of wildlife like ducks, quail, corellas, cockies, dingoes, emus, wombats, possums... I know as a society we can and must do better.

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