

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 125:

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Primary interests:

- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife

Comment

I feel stricter penalties and inspections need to be in place and occur randomly and regularly. Too many shelters get away with doing the wrong things or the bare minimum, and it takes several people to report it for any action to begin. Licenses should be revoked and unobtainable once lost if illegal activity has occurred such as unviability, evidence of undermining the department, not releasing wildlife etc.

Shelters with pets must have a completely separate area for these pets, with not just a gate to prevent interaction. Sight, smell and noise should be absent to maintain a healthy level of fear.

Additionally, I think it should be noted locations of cull permits and vicinity of shelters in the area otherwise they will cull the animals we have rehabilitated which is redundant.

I think further expertise regarding animal health and clearer regulations regarding euthanasia and reasons for, should be published and again, adhered to! Vets need to be informed of this too, so we don't have hero/god complex individuals trying to "save" unviable wildlife which in itself is cruel.

Rescue groups should be governed and not be set up by randoms; they are just as liable for the animals welfare and so should come under the department for reporting and knowledge of viability and processing required for euthanasia etc.

By doing regular and random checks you're not only giving jobs to more Australians, but also ensuring shelters are doing the right thing all the time, and not just cleaning up everything because they have been pre warned.

I think shelters should be on a permanent residence and so people renting are not allowed as it's inconsistent and they could have to leave the premises at any time and what will they do if they have possums in aviaries not ready for release?

I think people who are carers and only cared for possums should only be allowed to care for possums unless another shelter with experience in another species can support that shelter evidentially

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