

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

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

Comment

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

As a hiker and camper in national parks, forests, and the outdoors, the Victorian State Government could do better in other aspects to control suburban sprawl from consuming undeveloped areas of land which are basically habitat for wildlife. This can be done by encouraging mixed-use development, medium-density housing, AND better public transit.

Where areas of farmland is no longer in use, the State Government could develop a program to partially or fully revegetate these areas with native species. This would help create more habitat for native wildlife.

- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage

Understandably, non-threatened wildlife in abundant numbers may need to be controlled or removed if they are causing great damage to flora. For introduced species like deer, the State Government could increase cooperation with other stakeholders like landowners, local gov areas, farmers, and hunters to manage their excess numbers. The recent kangaroo harvesting program is a good example of an effort to manage excess numbers of kangaroos from affecting flora and agricultural crops. It provides a source of free-range food and material for people and pets, helping ensure that the culled kangaroos don't go to waste.

- Hunting of wildlife

Although I do not hunt nor fish, I support the right of others to do so for the purposes of collecting food from the wild or other valid reasons, using approved methods and with reasonable bag limits. I do not support any moves to prohibit or unduly restrict the hunting of game species such as deer, duck, and quail where their numbers are in abundance.

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