

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 229:

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Primary interests:

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

Comment

As a person who cares for the safety and welfare of all animals, I am appalled at the way governments permit and condone the destruction of Australian wildlife. As a result of the devastating bushfires millions of animals lost their lives and yet governments allow people to kill native animals, often in the most inhumane manner, without in many cases properly investigating the extent of animal populations. Indiscriminate poisoning and the use of harsh fencing materials often mean that many animals become collateral damage. It is time to provide more protection for our native wildlife and look for better ways to ensure their safety. Habitats are continually being destroyed by the expansion of building projects and housing developments. Animals are being displaced at a rapid rate and the solution always seems to be stacked against the wildlife. There needs to be an independent body to oversee animal welfare as well as a much more equitable distribution of funds to people caring for injured wildlife. Many of the most compassionate carers who devote their entire being to caring for our native animals miss out on funding and rely on donations or their own personal savings to continue their work. This is simply wrong! I have seen first hand the struggles that many carers face and in an effort to help have set up a small, ongoing fundraising organisation to support their work. 100% of whatever we raise goes to assisting carers. Please, please help our wildlife and their carers. Stop slaughtering our wildlife!

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