

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 55:

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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

Wildlife rely upon habitat - more needs to be done to conserve and increase habitat extent and diversity. Riparian and floodplain habitat need more protection from human activities. Landowners need payments to maintain habitat and to create wildlife corridors. Fire management, including controlled burning, is a particular issue that needs more attention. Some native animals are at unnaturally high densities, e.g. brushtail possums in the suburbs and kangaroos in some rural areas. Their numbers should be controlled based on scientific assessments and methods. Foxes, cats, deer, rabbits and other feral animals should be systematically controlled and eradicated where possible. Hunting of feral animals could be subsidised through bounties. Reestablishing a sustainable fur trade from feral animals, especially foxes, would help to reduce fox numbers.

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