

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 235:

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife
- Other: Restoration of human empathy out of its death due to avarice and ignorance.

#### Comment

As a 64 year old Australian resident since 1957, having first hand witness to the damages done, I am also well aware of the ravages in lost biodiversity, forestry, cultural expertise, brutal exploitation, rising salinity, polluted waterways, and foolish massacre of all species from marine and freshwater shellfish, through migratory and essential food sources like Bogong moth, to the Thylacine and the first Australians, the damages done from 1788 until today, through ignorance hiding behind unwarranted and ill founded arrogance. We, decedents out of Europe, redcoat and convict both, have mucked up savagely and made a complete wreck, optimistically NOT irreparably so yet, of land management and sustainability.

There is inequity between what is desired by the people and what is provided by the leadership. There are greater penalties for the wildlife rescuer than for the wildlife destroyer. It is easier to acquire a licence to kill the innocent than it is for a drunken fool to get a licence to drive. Too easy to cull 50 tortoise without investigation or scrutineer, by a tick upon a piece of paper, and too easy to be callous and cruel to a joey in a pouch, or a bird on the wing, when no one is watching and no one seems to care.

When a child loses empathy sufficient to torture an animal, there are reasons to believe such a child without proper treatment thee and then may grow into something homicidally serial, and it is not a huge extrapolation from this, that the empathy lost by proxy butchery providing presumptive bloodless hands, turning the silence of the lambs into Easter for Christmas, might grow later into genocide of our own for reasons of eugenics.

Take Care. If you are different, you might be next!

Thank you for your time. I pray the child within does not cry itself to sleep again or for much longer.

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