

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 38:

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#### Primary interests:

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

#### Comment

The conservation of our wildlife and their habitat should be at the front of all policy and urgently needs the strongest commitment. We need stronger laws to protect our precious biodiversity left and to encourage growth in numbers and diversity rather than the terrifying continued trend of loss. We have little time left to recognise that nature looks after the human species. We are utterly reliant on it and have forgotten, for the most part, how to be reciprocal with nature. We need to legislate so that wildlife are protected with significant penalties for those that threaten, kill, or damage our biodiversity. In addition I believe that punishment needs to be in keeping with the crime. The crime of hurting what little we have left, in my mind, is enormous. It not only hurts that species, it hurts us all. We need to update our system to reflect the threat to wildlife in Victoria. We need to stop treating nature as a commodity and instead realise that we need to look after nature so that it can look after us.

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