



1. What is currently working for you?

- The act permits me to purchase a wildlife demonstrators' licence to promote native Australian animals. This can be achieved through an interactive education experience & encourage conservation.
- The act allows private collections of native animals & owners to keep and breed Australia's unique animals. This has a positive effect on education and conservation. Keeping a personal collection allows a better understanding of their collection, their habitats, behaviours & environments.

2. What is currently not working for you?

I was extremely disappointed that there were no provisions in place to waiver the purchase of a Wildlife Demonstrator Licence in 2020 & 2021. Wildlife demonstrations were unable to go ahead for extended periods of time due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We were paying for something we were unable to use. However, we still had to feed, clean, heat & care for our animals. Many of us had to move on many of our animals to survive on NO income. We are passionate about our collections. I understand that the Wildlife Act would take too long to change. The pandemic has been going on for over 18 months! Please put something in place immediately. I can't believe that an Act can't be changed quickly in extenuating circumstances. Liquor licences were waived for 2 years (Yes, they are under a different Act) Game Hunting Licence holders had their licences extended because they couldn't hunt. A recreational licence is not a licence for income, yet ours is & should be viewed accordingly.

I believe it would be a benefit to the welfare of animals in private collections if there was a minimum standard to be achieved before Wildlife Demonstrator Licence was issued. Perhaps a Certificate covering husbandry, welfare and the education of children and adults regarding conservation.

3. What is missing? What are the opportunities to improve?

- Waiver the purchase of a Wildlife Demonstrator Licence during extenuating circumstances.
- Record keeping system online. Double of handling of records is an inefficient use of time. We need to move into the modern computer age.