

Wildlife Act Review

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Primary interests:

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

Comment

I am 79 years old and I have been a supporter of the duck rescue team for the past 19 years and involved in wildlife rescue for as long as I can remember.

I am disappointed that the Wildlife Act does not protect animals from acts of cruelty by shooters. The incidence of successful prosecutions, even when enforcement officers are given multiple forms of video evidence and statements is almost nil, thereby sending the message to shooters that they are likely to 'get away with' breaches of the Act.

I have also been disappointed with the fervour enforcement officers have displayed when attempted to chase down wildlife rescuers. No wonder when the penalty for being in the water to rescue wildlife is triple that for illegal hunting.

I hope this review of the Wildlife Act will offer better protection for wildlife in the future.

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