

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 15:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Traditional owner cultural values and use of wildlife
- Hunting of wildlife
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

I am a 4th generation avid hunter gatherer and conservationist! Family members and I are part of Field and Game Australia who actively promote and do works on many wetlands around Victoria! From planting trees, to getting rid of weeds and putting up nesting boxes for birdlife to nest away from predators! All animals harvested during the season are shared and enjoyed amongst family and friends! Lately there has been alot of negative media from animals rights groups in regards to our duck season! But i dont see them doing anything to help the wetlands and birdlife! More accurate bird counts around Australia are needed as birds migrate to where the water is and dont just 'disappear' like the animal rights groups try and convince everyone that they do! We use gun dogs which are bred for this purpose and have had thousands of hours of training in the field to perform! We also harvest deer, pig, rabbit, hare and quail during the year/seasons for the table. Most of these animals can and do devastate the landscape and crops! We help farmers with eradication of pest species foxes, wild cats, wild dogs which have a devastating effect on farmers stock if left to do as they please! So in conclusion, the animals that are currently hunted in victoria/ australia are hunted because they either destroy the landscape/crops or livestock! They provide food for thousands of families! They can be a cheaper and healthier meal than something bought in a packet off the shelf in a supermarket! Providing for my family is something i was taught and something that i am teaching my young children! And i want them to be able to do the same to their children! The way of the hunter gatherer must continue in Victoria/Australian!

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