

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 291:

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#### Primary interests:

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

#### Comment

I have witnessed that the current Act fails to protect wildlife in Victoria. Native animals are being harvested for economic gain (pet food, leather industry) and treated as pests and killed regularly by farmers based on false research of numbers being too high. In fact, native fauna are in decline. There are conflicts between people who hold economic gain from the destruction of native flora and fauna and people who want to protect it. For example, hunters and industries who buy animal products from them and the building, mining and logging industries that gain profit from destroying natural habitats versus the general public who do not want Australian natural wonders to be further destroyed. I believe that by putting the protection of our fellow creatures and nature before short term economic gain will lead to genuine long term economic gain and prosperity.

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