

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 202a:

Contributor: Individual – Kim Wormald

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare
- Other: Ethical bird and wildlife photography

Comment

As a nationally and internationally awarded wildlife photographer I am extremely concerned that Australian wildlife is facing devastating impacts. I urge the panel to recognise that a 'best practice' framework for wildlife needs to recognise the intrinsic value of wildlife and biodiversity and needs to consider the added pressures of climate change. My recommendations include:

- use independent scientific surveys regarding wildlife numbers
- permanently ban recreational shooting of native wildlife
- end the 'harvesting' of kangaroos
- end the lethal Authority to Control Wildlife permits
- develop resources and educate communities about non-lethal wildlife solutions, including sonic repellents, audio/visual deterrents, Eagle Eyes and repellents
- establish an independent office of wildlife welfare
- implement harsher penalties for breaches of the Wildlife Act
- adequately fund wildlife rescue and rehabilitation
- legislate the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
- legislate the containment of domestic pets to prevent them from harming wildlife
- ban poisons that directly and indirectly harm native wildlife, including 1080 and second-generation anti coagulant rodenticides
- ensure that all new developments include provision for conservation of wildlife habitat, including wildlife corridors and the retention and creation of habitat
- legislate to ban logging in native forests
- recognise that interactions with nature have been shown to improve mental health
- recognise the negative impacts on mental health relating to harm caused to wildlife
- promote nature-based tourism

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Submission Comment 202b:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare
- Protections for marine mammals

Comment

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- permanently ban recreational shooting of native wildlife
- end the 'harvesting' of kangaroos
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- recognise the negative impacts on mental health relating to harm caused to wildlife

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Submission Comment 202d:

Contributor: Individual – Denise Ravenscroft

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

I am a keen wildlife photographer and admin of a wildlife fb page with with over 3,200 followers and a wildlife fb group with 1.2K members. It's become so clear to me how many people across Australia and overseas are deeply distressed to witness the devastating impacts on this country's iconic wildlife from habitat loss and climate change. The terrible fires were a huge wake up call to all of us to sit up and take notice and better protect what makes this country so special. Climate change and impacts from uncurtailed development are presenting grave threats to so many species. We are running out of time. (This is a matter that affects many beyond Victoria's borders who care about Australia's iconic wildlife, including tourists from overseas.) I urge the panel to recommend:

- that all new developments include provision for conservation of wildlife habitat, including wildlife corridors and the retention and creation of habitat
- legislation to ban logging in native forest
- much harsher penalties for breaches of the Wildlife Act
- independent scientific surveys regarding wildlife numbers
- permanently ban recreational shooting of native wildlife
- end the 'harvesting' of kangaroos
- end the lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
- develop resources and educate communities about non-lethal wildlife solutions,
- establish an independent office of wildlife welfare
- adequately fund wildlife rescue and rehabilitation
- legislate the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
- legislate the containment of domestic pets to prevent them from harming wildlife
- ban poisons that directly and indirectly harm native wildlife, including 1080 and second-generation anti coagulant rodenticides
- promote educational and ethical nature-based tourism
- recognise that interactions with nature have been shown to improve mental health
- recognise the negative impacts on mental health relating to harm caused to wildlife

Denise Ravenscroft

Provided June 25/2021

Submission Comment 202e:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Hunting of wildlife
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

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- ban poisons that directly and indirectly harm native wildlife
- ensure that all new developments include provision for conservation of wildlife habitat, including wildlife corridors and the retention and creation of habitat
- legislate to ban logging in native forest
- recognise that interactions with nature have been shown to improve mental health

Provided June 26/2021

Submission Comment 202f:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

Hi, I have a number of items I'd like you to consider. Principally, the need to put our ecosystems at the heart of decision-making. And here are some ways you can do that:

- use independent scientific surveys regarding wildlife numbers
- permanently ban recreational shooting of native wildlife
- give traditional owners back formal guardianship and management of the land
- engage with traditional owners on ancient land management approaches and support them to implement them
- develop resources and educate communities about non-lethal wildlife solutions, including sonic repellents, audio/visual deterrents, Eagle Eyes and repellents
- establish an independent office of wildlife welfare
- implement harsher penalties for breaches of the Wildlife Act
- adequately fund wildlife rescue and rehabilitation
- legislate the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
- legislate the containment of domestic pets to prevent them from harming wildlife
- ban poisons that directly and indirectly harm native wildlife, including 1080 and second-generation anti coagulant rodenticides
- ensure that all new developments include provision for conservation of wildlife habitat, including wildlife corridors and the retention and creation of habitat
- legislate for 50m wide nature corridors adjacent to a minimum of 75m open space near development
- legislate to ban logging in native forest
- promote nature-based tourism
- recognise that interactions with nature have been shown to improve mental health
- recognise the negative impacts on mental health relating to harm caused to wildlife
- recognise we are in a climate emergency
- significantly invest in reclaiming 30% more national park land across the state and in bush revegetation initiatives for degraded land

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Submission Comment 202g:

Contributor: Individual – Robert Vancina

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Management and control of wildlife causing problems or damage
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

As a recipient of Global Award for Sustainability and passionate wildlife photographer I am extremely concerned that Australian wildlife is facing devastating impacts. I urge the panel to recognise that a 'best practice' framework for wildlife needs to recognise the intrinsic value of wildlife and biodiversity, and needs to consider the added pressures of climate change. My recommendations include:

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Submission Comment 202i:

Contributor: Individual – Renate Hottmann-Schaefer

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Eco-tourism involving wildlife
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

As a wildlife rescuer and protector, with a special focus on migratory shorebirds, award winning photographer and regular eco tourist to Victoria (prior to Covid 19), I am very concerned about

- recreational duck shooting
- the harvesting of kangaroos
- the failure to resort to independent surveys to establish reliable wildlife numbers
- inadequate penalties for harming wildlife - failure to provide adequate funding for wildlife rescuers and rehabilitation
- habitat destruction and especially tree logging
- secondary poisoning of native wildlife with highly questionable poisons like 1080 and some rodenticides
- failure to legislate on wildlife safe fencing and netting
- failure to legislate on responsible pet ownership in view of wildlife safety

I am asking the panel to consider and address my concerns which are, however, by no means complete.

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Submission Comment 202j:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

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Submission Comment 202k:

Contributor: Individual – Giovanna Hounsell

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

I am extremely concerned that Australia is a global leader in wildlife extinctions .

-One of the major causes is loss and fragmentation of habitat.

-We need to promptly end logging of native forests.

-We need to plant tree corridors on land that has been cleared for development.

-Many farmers are coming around to sustainable farming practices, ie not using chemicals and poisons, maintaining native vegetation. They need encouragement, support and financial incentives to do so.

-We need to outlaw clear felling of land and encourage development that has less environmental impact. Leave some intact wildlife habitat, mature trees, hollow bearing trees and some scrubby bush for ground dwelling birds and animals

- We need to recognise the benefits to mental health and wellbeing that green spaces have, particularly in urban areas.

- Permanently ban recreational shooting of native wildlife

- End the 'harvesting' of kangaroos

- End the lethal Authority to Control Wildlife permits

- Educate communities about non-lethal wildlife solutions, including sonic repellers, audio/visual deterrents, Eagle Eyes and repellents

- Establish an independent office of wildlife welfare

- Implement harsher penalties for breaches of the Wildlife Act

- Legislate the containment of domestic pets to prevent them from harming wildlife and give heftier penalties for breaches.

- Ban poisons that directly and indirectly harm native wildlife, including 1080 and second-generation anti coagulant rodenticides

- Promote nature-based tourism

- Recognise that interactions with nature have been shown to improve mental health

- Recognise the negative impacts on mental health relating to harm caused to wildlife

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