

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 120a:

Contributor: Individual – Denise Bewry

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Eco-tourism involving wildlife
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife

Comment

In short, my main concern is that we are not caring for our wildlife. They are not pests. Wildlife must exist in nature. If it didn't exist and continue to survive, then wildlife wouldn't exist at all. Stop hunting of all types, reduce greatly grazing pastures so bushland can regenerate which will possibly balance out the reproduction of wildlife. Wildlife must be transferred under wildlife vet supervision, not killed to make way for a development e.g. Kinley. At least some of those roos may survive, or better still, cease development. Employ qualified wildlife carers whose main interest is the preservation of our wildlife and bushland, not to reach for the gun or poison to eradicate "pests." Introduced species can be controlled in other ways than using cruel methods to kill them e.g. 1080. Using 1080 is absurd.

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120b:

Contributor: Individual – Deborah Webbey

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare

Comment

My greatest concern for our wildlife is the commercial slaughter of our kangaroos, once profit is introduced into wildlife control and an industry is built that makes millions from their slaughter, the welfare of animals is secondary, seasonal and weather variations such as drought, floods, and the worst fires ever seen, do not change the number of kangaroos slaughtered to feed this industry. Counting methods are at best a calculated guess with no counts after the fires that destroyed so many. The large males are the first targeted, destroying the healthy breeding stock, in many cases, the big males have disappeared, this leaves the females and joeys to be hunted with the burgeoning of joeys, slamming them against a bull bar or leaving them to die slowly., animals are also shot but escape into the bush with gunshot wounds to die a slow and agonizing death, if population control needs to exist this should be carried out by government employees with no profit to be made, remove the industry from slaughtering our wildlife, I would also like to mention the inhumane use of 1080 poison to kill dingoes, this is so barbaric and disturbing when most of the world has banned this, Dingoes are at the top of the food chain and provide a balance when left alone they prey on feral species and control kangaroo numbers, other non-target species are dying from the indiscriminate use of this substance, such as birds of prey that also provide a balance.

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120c:

Contributor: Individual


Primary interests:


- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

As a member of the general public I adore wildlife and I would like to list here below some requests that I hope could be discussed during the law review:

 An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

 An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'


 Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

 Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles

 The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare

 A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act

 Funding for wildlife rescue and care

 Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

So many of us love and care for Australian wildlife and wish to live in harmony with them and the environment. In 2021 would be great to see an improvement to how we care for these amazing beings and how to end barbaric treatment and hurt to these beautiful species. It's time for Australia to lead by example.

Thank you in advance for reading my thoughts,

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120d:

Contributor: Individual













Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

This system is based on the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975 which has not been reviewed for 45 yrs.

Please stop the following

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
-  An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
-  A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
-  Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
-  Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
-  The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
-  A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act
-  Funding for wildlife rescue and care
-  A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
-  Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
-  A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife NSW now has a law to protect animals. Please follow this positive direction.

#stopkillingkangaroos

Provided June 12/2021

Submission Comment 120e:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I would like to see immediately:

An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'

A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare

A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act

Funding for wildlife rescue and care

A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife

A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife.

Kangaroos need us now more than ever.

#stopkillingkangaroos

Provided June 13/2021

Submission Comment 120f:

Contributor: Individual – Sarah Hart

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Other: Wildlife carer & rescuer support

Comment

1. Our wildlife rescuers & carers are under enormous pressure physically, financially, emotionally, psychologically & desperately need support. I'd like to see the government recognise wildlife rescue as full-time employment & through Centerlink, provide a benefit to all who are unable to support themselves financially. Their role is 24/7. No holidays, annual leave, sick leave or other. We should be supporting these service providers who are crucial to the conservation of Australian wildlife, ecology & environment.

The counseling service, Wildtalk, should be funded by the government & made available free of charge to all wildlife rescuers & carers.

2. Victoria & the whole of Australia needs an independent body solely focused on the welfare & management of wildlife. The existing authority issuing licences to rescue & rehabilitate, along with licenses to kill is hypocritical & unworkable. It does not represent the interests of our animals nor their rescuers & carers.

3. I'd like to see full support from the authority for the relocation of mobs of land-locked kangaroos by those who have been doing this successfully for years. Professional volunteer groups including veterinarians, rescuers & carers should be permitted to provide this service unimpeded.

4. I ask for an end to 'Authority to Control Wildlife Permits'. The barbaric practice of indiscriminately murdering innocent, sentient beings has to end. Alternative humane solutions are available.

5. I ask for a ban on all poisons that either directly (1080 killing dingoes) or indirectly (rodent chemical control killing birds) kill wildlife. No animal deserves such cruel death.

6. I ask for a ban on ALL recreational shooting of wildlife.

7. I ask for funding for the installation of virtual fencing along known wildlife hotspots where collisions with vehicles are common. Sonic animal repellents (ie: Shoo Roo) available at cost for all to install on their vehicles.

8. I ask you to respect all wildlife.

Provided June 13/2021

Submission Comment 120g:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Hunting of wildlife

Comment

As people who love and value wildlife it seems we are constantly fighting against a system that is stacked against us. This system is based on the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975 which has not been reviewed for over 45 years and here are some general comments about why I care and how I think wildlife should be

An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'

A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare

A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties

Funding for wildlife rescue and care

A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife

A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife Thank you

Provided June 17/2021

Submission Comment 120h:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Hunting of wildlife

Comment

In this age of climate change and associated loss of biodiversity of species, it is absolutely vital that we start in our own backyard and protect our own native Australian wildlife. We are ourselves an evolved species. Outdated 45 year old laws do not match our new understandings of sentience in animals or the importance of protecting wildlife. It is in our own best interests to protect native Australian flora and fauna. It is also the evolved and compassionate mindset that we need to take now, in the 21st century. Therefore I want to see changes in the current laws that bring:

An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicle

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare

A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties

Funding for wildlife rescue and care

A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife

A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 18/2021

Submission Comment 120i:

Contributor: Individual – Helen Smyth

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

Like a lot of other ordinary people I would like to see the following

- * An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits- recently men with shotguns were given a permit to race around a metropolitan golf club at dusk to kill kangaroos- a total risk nightmare. This was prevented by families going there to protest.
- * An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'- it turned out that this was the real basis of the golf club 'cull'
- * A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)- come up to the country and see the terror on children's faces when they hear the guns first thing in the morning and know that there are men out there who'll shoot at anything because they can get away with it.
- * Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
- * Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles- it's utterly stupid to have to choose between praying you don't hit a roo in your little car or killing them all so you don't
- * The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
- * A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties- absolutely needed * Funding for wildlife rescue and care- one day on Facebook would demonstrate this need
- * A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
- * Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
- * A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife- have you seen the small mountain of dead owls in NSW?
- * A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
- * Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 19/2021

Submission Comment 120j:














Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare

Comment

I would like to see:

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
-  An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
-  A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
-  Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
-  Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
-  The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
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-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 19/2021

Submission Comment 120k:

Contributor: Individual














Primary interests:

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

Comment

I am writing this email as I hold huge concerns for our precious wildlife in Victoria and the inhumane slaughter and disregard for their importance and right to live a free and calm life. I request that you consider a number of these points I have included and look after and protect our precious and unique Wildlife instead of Slaughter and destroy important habitat. The world loves and appreciates our wildlife it is time the Australian Government did as well.

I request that you put a stop to:

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
-  An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
-  A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
-  Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
-  Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
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-  A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value our precious wildlife.

#stopkillingkangaroos, koalas, wombats, native ducks.

Thankyou for your time and reading my email, I sincerely hope there is a dramatic change for the better for the sake of our dwindling wildlife

Kind regards

Provided June 19/2021














Submission Comment 120n:

Contributor: Individual – Lucy Dwyer

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
-  An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
-  A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
-  Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
-  Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
-  The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
-  A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties
-  Funding for wildlife rescue and care
-  A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
-  Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
-  A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
-  A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value our precious wildlife.

I would also like to see harsher penalties for people who injure or kill animals. I'm sick of the slap on the wrist. They don't care about a monetary penalty as they just don't pay it. Make them do community service, something to do with looking after animals and learning how to treat them better. My preferred option would be jail time but that's not going to teach them anything and it ends up costing us to house them. And please, why is the government still going by an 1975 Act, really needs to be brought up to date.

Provided June 20/2021

Submission Comment 120o:














Contributor: Individual – Ian Woff

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I care greatly about our native wildlife and the negative impact we are having upon them, particularly from relentless development. I would like to see the following:

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
-  An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
-  A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
-  Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
-  Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
-  The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
-  A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties
-  Funding for wildlife rescue and care
-  A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
-  Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
-  A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
-  A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value our precious wildlife.

Please increase levels of protection for our precious native wildlife.

Provided June 21/2021

Submission Comment 120p:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Compliance and enforcement
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife

Comment

Victoria needs more comprehensive protections for wildlife, and greater penalties on people who harm our wildlife. Our ecosystem is fragile enough as is, without the added stress from pointless exploitation and cruelty by humans. Some valuable changes to Wildlife Act 1975 could be:

- An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
- An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
- A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
- Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
- Use of technology such as sonic repellents to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles\
- The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
- A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties
- Funding for wildlife rescue and care
- A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
- Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
- A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
- A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
- Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 21/2021

Submission Comment 120q:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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

Comment

Thank you for accepting my comments.

I am deeply concerned for the future of wildlife in Australia. With extremely inadequate protection for them and the worst rate of mammal extinction in the world we are doing a woeful job.

First we need to stop killing them. We need:

An end to "authority to control wildlife permits.

An end to the commercial kangaroo harvest.

A ban on psychopathic recreational killing.

A ban on poisons that either directly kill (1080) or indirectly (rodenticides).

A ban on barbed wire and exclusion fencing and then enforcing the use of wildlife friendly fencing and netting.

Then we need to look after and protect them by:

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare.

Funding for wildlife care and rescue.

Funding, training and resources to facilitate harmonious, non lethal interactions with wildlife eg sonic repellers to prevent road deaths of wildlife.

A longer statute of limitations and harsher penalties for breaches of the Wildlife Act.

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife.

A regulatory requirement for every planning scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

Now is the time to acknowledge that current practices are directly impacting wildlife populations and as a consequence impacting the wellbeing of communities that value and care for wildlife and strive to make Australia wildlife friendly.

Provided June 22/2021

Submission Comment 120r:

Contributor: Individual – Joan Klinkhamer


Primary interests:


- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Offences and penalties relating to wildlife
- Licenses and authorisations


Comment

It is time that our wildlife laws are upgraded. It is horrifying that our so called first world country is number one in the world for driving indigenous animals to extinction. Please address the following issues. DWELP has done absolutely nothing to help these issues and as Victorian voters, we expect our chosen government to listen to our concerns .

 An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

 An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'

 A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)


 Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

 Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles


 The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare


 A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties


 Funding for wildlife rescue and care

 A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

 Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife

 A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

 A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

 Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 22/2021

Submission Comment 120s:

Contributor: Individual – Gordon Elkington

Primary interests:

- Other: Ethical

Comment

Vegan Australia makes the following recommendations:

An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits.

An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'.

A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail).

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife.

Use of technology such as sonic repellents to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles.

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare.

A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties.

Funding for wildlife rescue and care.

A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting.

A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

I agree with all of this.

The control of wildlife using cruel and/or lethal methods will provide jobs for humankind till the end of time, but this is not the way to move forward in a thinking, modern, progressive, humane society.

Gordon Elkington

Provided June 22/2021

Submission Comment 120t:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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

Comment

The Act should facilitate:

An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits.

An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'.

A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail).

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife.

Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles.

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare.

A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties.

Funding for wildlife rescue and care.

A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting.

A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

Provided June 22/2021

Submission Comment 120u:

Contributor: Individual – Elizabeth Nelson

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I want much stronger protections for wildlife in Victoria. I want the Act to formally recognise that these animals have their own lives to lead and do not belong to humans. They deserve to live their own lives on this planet as much as we humans do.

I particularly want to see the following:

A total ban on the shooting of ducks and waterbirds in Victoria.

An end to the lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits in Victoria

An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' in Victoria.

Provided June 22/2021

Submission Comment 120v:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I think the following points are extremely important and necessary:

- An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits.
- An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'.
- A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail).
- Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife.
- Use of technology such as sonic repellents to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles.
- The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare.
- A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties.
- Funding for wildlife rescue and care. - A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting.
- A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

We only have one planet, why are we destroying it for economic gain? Please consider the welfare of not only our amazing animals, but also the ecosystem of Australia.

Provided June 23/2021

Submission Comment 120w:

Contributor: Individual – Sophia Grewal

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare

Comment

Wildlife are equally deserving of respect, care and protection as our beloved companion animals such as dogs and cats. Just because they look different, they cannot be excluded from the legislation that protects other animals. As such, our community needs to see:

- An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits.
- An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'.
- A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail).
- Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife.
- Use of technology such as sonic repellents to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles.
- The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare.
- A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties.
- Government funding for wildlife rescue and care.
- A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting.
- A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

Provided June 23/2021

Submission Comment 120x:

Contributor: Individual – Elizabeth Attard

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

I strongly support the following changes to the Victorian Wildlife Act. Human activities/Climate Change are quickly destroying our wildlife and their so precious habitats. Having been a Wildlife Rescuer outside my work as a medical secretary the following changes would need to be made to the Victorian Wildlife Act:

- The word 'pests' no longer be used to describe our precious wildlife in the 21st century
- End lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits and ban all culling as no place for this archaic violence in 21st century
- An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' – unsustainable and depraved
- Ban recreational shooting of wildlife eg waterbirds and quail and end Duck Shooting Season
- Direct funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious NON-LETHAL interactions with wildlife, teaching farmers to 'Live in Harmony and Share with Wildlife'
- Use of technology such as SONIC repellents to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
- Establish an Independent Office of Animal Welfare
- A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act with harsher and severe penalties to properly act as a DETERRENCE to any would be offenders
- Funding for wildlife rescue/care eg to Wildlife Vic etc
- A ban on barbed wire, enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
- Restrictions mandatory curfews with fines issued to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
- A ban on poisons eg 1080 killing dingos, rodenticides killing birds, harm wildlife
- A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to seriously consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
- Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities who greatly love and value our precious wildlife in their own habitats, providing such great therapeutic benefits as seen during this pandemic/ lockdowns.

Provided June 24/2021

Submission Comment 120y:

Contributor: Individual – Lee Hawkins

Primary interests:

- Other: Member of the public advocating for animal rights

Comment

It is great to see that the Wildlife Act is undergoing long-overdue review.

The public attitude to wildlife (and animals in general) has shifted significantly in more recent times and acts such as this one need to be updated to more accurately reflect the general attitude towards the non-human animals we share the planet with. I would like to see the following being covered by the review:

- An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits.
- An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' - this program has been demonstrated time and time again to be incredibly cruel and poorly regulated. Australia's international reputation suffers greatly from the existence of this needless program.
- A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail). The fact that duck shooting season went ahead again here in Victoria this year is unbelievable with such small populations and blatant disregard for the current rules.
- Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife. There are awesome tourism opportunities here.
- Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles.
- The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare. This is important on many fronts (e.g. offering some protection to farm animals too) but applies strongly in the case of wildlife.
- A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties.
- Funding for wildlife rescue and care.
- A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting.
- A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

I thank you for the opportunity to contribute my thoughts to this review.

Provided June 27/2021

Submission Comment 120z:

Contributor: Individual – Gayle Williams

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

Victoria needs to maintain spaces of natural habitat for all our native animals. When kangaroos and wallabies are at golf courses, this should be maintained as a safe place where they can live, the killing of kangaroos or wallabies should be against the law at any golf course.

Koala corridors should be maintained and their habitat never destroyed, it was tragic with what happened in Portland where trees were bulldozed down with koalas in them. We must maintain and care for our Koalas.

Koalas need their mature trees, but incentives given to organisations to plant trees.

More money given to wildlife rescue sanctuaries is important.

Also money should be spent on virtual fencing/ sonic repellents to protect kangaroos and wallabies being hit on roads. Exclusion fencing, especially barbed wire should not be used. If fencing is needed proper kangaroo fencing used. More road signs, there are some bold and clear ones available.

A Independent Office of Animal Welfare needs to be set up.

How can politicians make judgement on animals when they have no knowledge or expertise about wildlife.

These should be a long term policy about wildlife also any at risk animal should have extra funding and protection.

Provided June 28/2021

Submission Comment 120aa:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Private and/or commercial keeping, breeding, trading, displaying and/or processing of wildlife or wildlife products
- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat Wildlife welfare

Comment

I would like to make the following recommendations as I believe the current Act is grossly outdated as opinions through cultural change and greater awareness and compassion of the plight of animals continues to gain traction.

1. An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits.
2. An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'.
3. A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail).
4. Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife.
5. Use of technology such as sonic repellents to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles.
6. The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare.
7. A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties.
8. Funding for wildlife rescue and care.
9. A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting.
10. A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

Provided June 29/2021

Submission Comment 120ab:

Contributor: Individual – Alyssa Wormald

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I want to see an end to the persecution of wildlife, this includes ending:

2. lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
3. The Kangaroo Harvest Program
4. Quail and duck shooting
5. Killing dingoes
6. Farming emus

As alternatives:

1. Providing training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife. There are many humane and effective non-lethal alternatives.
2. The use of technology such as sonic repellers/fencing to prevent collisions with vehicles
3. Protection of habitat and promotion of ecotourism

Other factors I would like to see covered under the Act are:

1. Longer statutes of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act
2. Harsher penalties for wildlife abusers
3. Ban on barbed wire and enforcing use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
4. Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
5. Ban on poisons that either directly or indirectly harm wildlife
6. Regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

Other progressive steps we desperately need:

1. An independent office of animal welfare that would also tackle wildlife cruelty issues
2. Government funding for wildlife rescue and care
3. An independent review of the kangaroo industry, the same as recently conducted in NSW
4. Recognition that current government sanctioned wildlife slaughter is directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife.

As the secretary of a kangaroo protection group I see the immense toll wildlife rescue, care and advocacy takes on the public. The government needs to recognise that cull permits, recreational shooting and 'harvesting' are devastating communities & causing very real mental health issues. Anxiety, depression, paranoia, grief, helplessness, anger, trauma, sleeplessness, burnout – I have seen it all in abundance. Many thanks

Provided June 29/2021

Submission Comment 120ac:














Contributor: Individual – Navec Lorkin

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I would like to see the following:

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
-  An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
-  A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
-  Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
-  Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
-  The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
-  A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties
-  Funding for wildlife rescue and care
-  A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
-  Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
-  A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
-  A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value

Provided June 29/2021

Submission Comment 120ad:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I write today because of the distress and concern I have about the treatment of wildlife.

I have family living at The Heritage Country Club in Chirnside Park and it's truly horrendous knowing what the management there are trying to do to the kangaroos that live peacefully on the property.

Please consider an end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits and an end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program.'

Please also consider the following;

A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail).

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife.

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare.

A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties.

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife.

A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife.

A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

Provided June 29/2021

Submission Comment 120ae:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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

Comment

I am in a constant state of anxiety and distress about the treatment of wildlife and there are endless campaigns trying to protect our beloved native animals. There is a real human cost when wildlife is slaughtered - Imagine what it's like trying to explain to your kids why all the local kangas or ducks are gone! I have a deep sense of shame and hope the new Act delivers policies we can finally be proud of.

I hope this new Act delivers the following:

- replace lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits with non lethal methods
- immediately end the appalling 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
- ban duck and quail shooting
- Stop killing dingoes
- Stop farming emus
- An independent office of animal welfare - longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act
- harsher penalties for abusers - this is currently woefully inadequate - Funding for wildlife rescue and care
- Ban on fencing and netting that is dangerous to wildlife
- Requirement to contain pets and stop them killing/stressing wildlife - ban on poisons that harm wildlife directly or indirectly
- regulatory requirement for developments to conserve wildlife habitat and corridors

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120af:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat Wildlife welfare
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

I hope this new Act delivers the following:

- replace lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits with non lethal methods
- immediately end the appalling 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
- ban duck and quail shooting
- ban killing dingoes - ban farming emus
- An independent office of animal welfare
- longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties for abusers
- Funding for wildlife rescue and care
- Ban on fencing and netting that is dangerous to wildlife
- Requirement to contain pets and stop them killing/stressing wildlife
- ban on poisons that harm wildlife directly or indirectly
- regulatory requirement for developments to conserve wildlife habitat and corridors

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120ag:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

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


Comment


I have resided in the Nillumbik Shire for just on 40 years. The decline, just in recent 5 years, in our local areas of our much loved wildlife (kangaroos, wombats, platypus, echidnas, birds) due to destruction of habitat (mainly from housing development) is starkly obvious. Many in this community care for the well-being of our wildlife as they add to the ambience of our local communities.


The worlds eyes are on this country... we are the only country on the planet who culls our unique wildlife to near extinction and offers it up as pet food ... What a disgraceful legacy... The “Kangaroo Harvest Program” leads to abuse of our local kangaroo populations.

I would like to see the following implemented within the new legislation, to offer protection for our unique wildlife.

 An end to lethal ‘Authority to Control Wildlife’ permits

 An end to the commercial ‘Kangaroo Harvest Program’

 A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)


 Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

 Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles


 The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare


 A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties


 Funding for wildlife rescue and care

 A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

 Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife

 A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

 A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

 Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife .

Thank you.

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120ah:

Contributor: Individual – Aoiffe O'Kelly

Primary interests:

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

Comment

The following list details the minimum requirements for how my family and I think Australian wildlife must be treated, without compromise:

- * The lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits must permanently stop IMMEDIATELY.
- * The horrific commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' must be permanently ended IMMEDIATELY.
- * All recreational shooting of Australian wildlife (inc. waterbirds and Quail) must be permanently banned IMMEDIATELY.
- * Funding directed for training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife.
- * Immediate wide-spread implementation and use of technology, such as sonic repellers, to PREVENT wildlife being hit by vehicles.
- * Urgent establishment of an INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF ANIMAL WELFARE.
- * A substantially longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act, and HARSHER penalties - current penalties are completely inadequate.
- * Substantially increased and ongoing funding for wildlife CARE and RESCUE.
- * BAN on barbed wire. * Enforcing the use of WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY fencing and netting.
- * Effective restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife, and severe penalties for non-compliance.
- * BAN on poisons that harm wildlife, either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos), or indirectly (rodenticides killing birds. Harsher penalties for using identified poisons.
- * REGULATORY REQUIREMENT for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ENSURE new developments do not negatively impact wildlife.
- * Recognition that current practices are DIRECTLY IMPACTING the WELLBEING of communities that love and value wildlife.

Thank you.

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120aj:

Contributor: Individual – Matthew Crawford

Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat Wildlife welfare
- Hunting of wildlife
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

It deeply saddens me that the Australian government and people are continuing to portray our native fauna as pests, as commodities to exploit and make money from and to continually destroy and pillage their native habit like uneducated colonialists. We have amazing unique animals that are loved and admired world wide. We have diverse and beautiful lands that people come from far to see. All these priceless commodities should have the utmost respect and protection from our government yet all they use it for is a quick buck to line the pockets of a few. We need a government that has the guts to end this behaviour & keep our true Australian icons safe from extinction. So they can be enjoyed forever.

End to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

End to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program', kangaroos are not pet food!!

Ban on all recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)

Direct funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

Use technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles

Establish an independent office of animal welfare

Longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties

More Funding for wildlife rescue and care

Ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife

Ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

Regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

Recognise that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife. Current laws have huge effects on mental health to the people that love our native wildlife.

Thank you.

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120ak:

Contributor: Individual – Steve Pootis

Primary interests:

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

Comment

End lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

End the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' Ban recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife

Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles

The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare

A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties Funding for wildlife rescue and care Ban barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting

Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife Ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife

A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife

Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120a1:

Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Licenses and authorisations
- Compliance and enforcement

Comment

Wherever I travelled, once I stated I lived in Australia I was asked about our kangaroos, koalas and other wildlife. No one asked about our agriculture and buildings, hence I strongly stand behind these and ask for:

1. Independent office of animal welfare should be established
2. lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permit should be ended and banned
3. commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' should end as it decimates kangaroos and is allowing industry to cause havoc and destroy population of kangaroos. Industry does not care if there will be kangaroos in Australia in a future as long as it profits from killing kangaroos now. Term harvesting cannot be used for killing as kangaroos were not sown.
4. recreational shooting of wildlife should be banned. This activity belongs to past and should be illegal with prison for those who participate in it.
5. technology should be used, such as sonic repellers, to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
6. funding should be available for training and resources to enable harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife. Lethal interactions should be illegal and those participating jailed.
7. Statute of limitations on breaches of Wildlife Act and harder penalties should be longer
8. barbed wire should be banned and use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting should be enforced
9. Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife should be in place
10. Poisons that directly or indirectly harm wildlife should be banned (e.g. 1080 killing dingoes, rodenticides killing birds...)
11. There should be a regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to strictly ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
12. funding should be provided for wildlife rescue and care 13. it needs to be recognised that current practices are directly impacting wellbeing and communities around which value and love wildlife

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120am:

Contributor: Individual – Dianne Richards


Primary interests:


- Wildlife welfare
- Licenses and authorisations
- Compliance and enforcement

Comment

The iconic and remarkable animals in Australia deserve to be protected. They are recognised world-wide with affection and interest, due to their uniqueness. I desire to see the following:

 An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits

 An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'

 A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)

... and the list goes on (which I presume has already been notified) It is an absolute travesty to see and hear reports of kangaroo slaughter and culling.

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120an:














Contributor: Individual

Primary interests:

- Wildlife welfare
- Licenses and authorisations
- Compliance and enforcement

Comment

I want to see the following!

-  An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
-  An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program'
-  A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail)
-  Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife
-  Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
-  The establishment of an independent office of animal welfare
-  A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act and harsher penalties
-  Funding for wildlife rescue and care
-  A ban on barbed wire and enforcing the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
-  Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming and harassing wildlife
-  A ban on poisons that either directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
-  A regulatory requirement for every Planning Scheme to carefully consider and provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, to ensure new developments do not negatively impact wildlife
-  Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife .

Please help to protect our wildlife rather than making excuses to murder them. They deserve to live freely on their land and were here first!

Provided June 30/2021

Submission Comment 120ao:

Contributor: Individual – Helena Jedjud

Primary interests:

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

Comment

Thank you for your important work in reviewing the Victorian Wildlife Act.

Our Wildlife are under increasing threats due to anthropogenic climate change, habitat loss and human cruelty.

It is critically important they are given the respect and protection they deserve.

An end to the persecution and destruction of our wildlife is needed, which includes:

1. Ending lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits
2. End to the Kangaroo Harvest Program
3. A ban on duck and quail shooting
4. A ban on wildlife being killed and sold for human and pet food

The following initiatives need implementation:

1. Training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife. There are many strategies and highly sophisticated non-lethal alternatives to culling/killing that are humane and effective.
2. Use technology such as sonic repellers and sonic fencing to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles
3. Protection of habitat and promotion of ecotourism.

Other issues to include in the Act:

1. A longer statute of limitations on breaches of the Wildlife Act
2. Harsher penalties for wildlife abusers
3. Ban on barbed wire and enforced use of wildlife-friendly fencing and netting
4. Restrictions to prevent domestic pets from harming wildlife, including 24 hour cat curfew in Victoria.
5. Ban poisons that directly (e.g. 1080 killing dingos) or indirectly (e.g. rodenticides killing birds) harm wildlife
6. Regulatory requirements for Planning Schemes to provide for conservation of wildlife habitat and corridors and new developments not negatively impact wildlife
7. An independent office of animal welfare to investigate and prosecute wildlife cruelty
8. Government funding for wildlife rescue and care

9.An independent review of the kangaroo industry, as has recently been conducted in NSW

10.Recognition that government sanctioned wildlife slaughter negatively impacts the wellbeing of communities that respect and value wildlife.

Sincerely

Provided June 30/2021