

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 100:

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

I think it is inarguable that habitat loss, shooting, fishing and an ever growing human population, which shows no sign of abating, can only lead to accelerated species extinction. Even the most ardent supporter of continued growth and utilisation of natural resources might consider more species loss undesirable. I and I suspect many others would consider the loss of just one more species a tragedy. Over 200 years the major part of Australian natural habitat has been lost. Well over 90% for some types according to the Australian Museum. Even without climate change, ecosystems have fallen toward or below a critical mass. A critical mass that might otherwise enable regeneration after some naturally occurring event. In short, we were facing a disaster even before climate change which itself has become an emergency. Often politicians are heard to say 'We must get the balance right'. This presumably means that they are caught between competing interests and that there must be compromise. Compromise has resulted in ever diminishing biodiversity. 'Balance' has proven to be not balanced at all and we have reached a point now where desperate measures are required. I therefore support emergency action to protect ALL native wildlife and ALL native habitat and for that matter native vegetation generally. As an example, State owned, non logged, native forests need to be greatly expanded with strong controls and policing. This should not be contingent on short term economic return.

Apologies if I am out of scope,. Couldn't find the fact sheet.

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