

It has been a while since the wildlife act of 1975 and our views on our environment have altered and so the act requires updating in alignment with our new views. I agree with the following issues being considered with this update of the act especially the first 2 mentioned but all issues are necessary to ensure wildlife is not viewed as a commodity but a being with its own needs and necessary preservation for our future also.

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. There are too many groups wishing to maintain wildlife areas for wildlife not for this to be necessary.

Recognition that current practices are directly impacting the wellbeing of communities that love and value wildlife and to align with our changing values this should be reassessed.

An end to lethal 'Authority to Control Wildlife' permits- every sentient being has a place on our planet. Humans and native animals (and others).

An end to the commercial 'Kangaroo Harvest Program' this puts a mockery to us having a kangaroo on our coat of arms.

A ban on recreational shooting of wildlife (e.g. waterbirds and quail) - every sentient being has a place on our planet.

Direction of funding to training and resources to facilitate harmonious non-lethal interactions with wildlife. We have learnt that kangaroos can be relocated (as an example) perhaps humans can be also relocated leaving natural habitats for kangaroos.

Use of technology such as sonic repellers to prevent wildlife colliding with vehicles and /or wildlife bridges and tunnels.

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 carer who often struggle financially to look after native animals.

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

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

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