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To: The Independent Panel for Reviewing the existing Victorian Wildlife Act

This submission is made to express my concern for the urgent need for a new Wildlife Act.

For the past 8 years I have lived on the outskirts of Melbourne, in the scrubby bushland of Cottles Bridge (Nillumbik shire). In that time the number of feral deer have been on a steady rise, made obvious by the worsening degradation of local landscape—and native habitats—due to their growing presence.

For the preservation of endangered local flora and fauna, I urgently urge an overhaul of the existing Victorian Wildlife Act (1975): to hone its focus on prioritizing the legal protection of our precious wildlife and their fragile habitats.

Sincerely yours,



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