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Regarding all the codes, rather than having codes I propose the price of licences increase.

As custodians of the wild life of this country, the leaders of this country making decisions regarding the fate of our native animals should do the utmost to protect them for now and for the future.

Just having a codes, who would have a record of all the animals? Who would go around and check to see if these standards of codes are being executed to the codes standard? It is not very realistic that would happen at all. It opens the door wide open for neglect and abuse for all different possible reasons. How many cats and dogs end up in the pound because of abuse, neglect or simply they are no longer wanted? Do we want these sort of things happening to our native animals as well? Codes are not the answer to solve the financial problems in this situation.

Increasing the price of licences will help the situation financially. Any person that is serious about owning and caring for an animal properly would be happy to have a licence even if they have to pay a higher price, particularly when they know it is a system put in place to protect all native animals. Any person that does not want to pay for a licence cannot be serious about having a animal or if they do not have the money to pay for it they most likely do not have the money it takes to look after the animal properly.

As custodians, are we serious about looking after our beautiful native animals that cannot speak for them selves? Or do we want to hear in the future about native animals being abused or neglected and to know that the decisions we made today could have prevented that abuse and neglect.

Australia is listed as the fourth worst country in the world for native animals going extinct. Removing licences will not help this situation because it opens the door for any person take native animals from where ever they might like to take them from.

As custodians we need to be secure that the right decisions are made to protect our native animals for now and for the future

It is our moral obligation.