

S00144 – Belinda Goldsworthy

Concerned with proposed changes to wildlife licensing.

Refer to 1.1.2

WHERE IS THE INFORMATION ON THE REVIEW OF THE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION SECTOR???

Please respond via email...

Refer 1.3.2

Inadequate transparency to "Risk-based approach" so far...

Refer to 4.2.3

Yes, licensing to harm (kill) wombats should be retained- this needs to be monitored and governed. These numbers don't seem low to me!

Refer to 5.1.2

Keeping native mammals as pets should continue to be very limited for the reasons stated- welfare and conservation. In addition the illegal keeping of mammals as pets already leads to the inappropriate raising and release of native animals which invariably die or come into care of rehabilitation groups- an unnecessary trauma for the animals!

Further-I have concerns if compliance with a code- of- practice would be monitored and enforced (as cost saving seems to be the impetus for changing from licensing to COP...

"Voluntary compliance" is a risky assumption!

5.4.2 Continued monitoring of taxidermist and specimen keeping will avoid illegal killing for trophy animals.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to seeing the proposed Wildlife Rehabilitation review, as stated earlier: please contact me by below email regarding this.