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As a veterinary surgeon I am concerned that any relaxation of regulations regarding the keeping of Australian wildlife will provide poor animal welfare outcomes. I believe that very few native (and exotic) species are truly suitable for being kept as pets by the general public. Few people understand the individual species requirements, especially when the animal is more unusual-it becomes a trophy. I think that licencing and mandatory training and inspection is appropriate for the vast majority of wildlife... in my experience many people are unable to properly look after "normal" pets let alone those with specialised needs