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To whom this may concern,

As I zookeeper I believe in the preservation of all different animal species! And what a better way to preserve our own Native mammal species then to be able to have them in our own homes.

By having people learn how to properly care for, house and possibly breed these mammals we can not only expand the gene pool of endangered species but we can try to fix some of the wrong man have created!

We need to protect our native fauna and by allowing people to swap budgies for the endangered orange bellied parrot, swap bunnies for bilby's, swap rats for sugar gliders and swap cats for quolls etc we are able to secure a captive population which I'm future hopefully we can use to aid the repopulation of the our wild animals.

Also the government money on breeding programs for endangered species. People can simply pay themselves and do it in their own homes.

This isn't a maybe or let's think about it. With the proper training provided to aid people in caring for these iconic animals it must be done!

Thank you for reading my brief submission as to why we should be allowed to own native mammals as pets in NSW.