

S00021 – Helen Wheeler

Dear Wildlife Licensing Team Hello & thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the discussion paper Towards a risk-based approach to wildlife licences.

Firstly I would like to applaud you for undertaking this review into the risk management and standardisation of Wildlife (WL) licences.

Secondly I encourage the review team to also contact the Australian Association of Wildlife Artists (www.ausawa.org.au) as the premier organisation for taxidermists in Australia, in relation to taxidermy licencing. You may note that many of the wildlife artists listed at: <http://ausawa.org.au/Members> are holders of NPWS WL.

Please find following a table-form response to the questions, and also some comments on the relevant sections, in the discussion paper.

These responses to the discussion paper are aimed at freeing up staff from low-risk low-impact licensing work so they can concentrate on higher-risk higher-impact work, including support of compliance activities where required.

This includes the separation of voluntary compliance by adherence to WL conditions and legislation from active compliance through education and enforcement; and also aims to reduce the duplication of risk controls through overlap into other agencies area of operation.

Supported throughout the response is development of on-line or digital tools which allow clients to apply &/or report to NPWS on-line. Digital applications can streamline basic data entry tasks and store data in places where it can be used for analysis, compliance and enforcement, or retired after several years, as required. I.E most of the report data is not required most of the time however if it is needed it will be available in a pre-sorted format.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any clarification of the ideas raised below, or if you wish to discuss any of the points further.

Finally, many thanks for your collective efforts in this area, which are very much appreciated.