

S00173 – Ian McDonnell

Thank you for your letter received this week regarding the proposed changes to wildlife licensing,

In my opinion I believe there should be a once only fee of \$57.00 for native animal keepers licence, this would benefit all parties concerned, for example for the welfare agencies it will still make serious keepers willing to go to the trouble of obtaining a licence to purchase an animal,

As it would benefit OEH because it will raise revenue, as well as gives them an idea who is keeping native animals, and the numbers kept, and the AKL licence holders would also benefit because at least when purchasing an animal details would be exchanged and they would be less likely to be obtaining illegally wild caught animals,

In reference to suggestions to any changes or improvements to licenced dealers and reptile expos, I believe that pet shops should be able to sell any and all R1 licenced animals,

We as keepers only had to pay some money and we can keep any R1 species without showing competence, but pet shops must show competence, where's the logic in that,

I also believe that if a pet shop shows competence in keeping R1 species, they should be able to acquire competence in keeping and selling some R2 species ,

I also feel pet shops are a great place for new keepers to fine animals and discuss keeping different species,