

S00069 – Ian Robinson

Should licensing for reptile handlers be retained? YES

How can licence eligibility criteria and licence conditions be improved to ensure licensed handlers have the competency and knowledge to safely catch and relocate reptiles?

Make it necessary for new handlers to do internships with experienced handlers and then pass a competency and knowledge test before they are granted a PROVISIONAL LICENCE.

3 years on a PROVISIONAL LICENCE before they qualify for a Professional Licence.

Do you support the proposed staged approach to implementing a risk-based approach to regulating native animal keeping? yes

can you suggest any changes to the draft revised NSW Animal Keepers' Species List to ensure specific species are subject to the appropriate level of regulation? no

Do you have any suggestions for improving the animal welfare and record keeping requirements in the draft codes of practice? bring back the printed log books for all who request them.

Reporting only to be required when there are changes.

Do you support a risk-based approach to annual records for licensed keepers including simplified returns for Class 1 and advanced keepers, but retention of current animal record book

requirements for keepers of venomous snakes? no comment - not of interest.

Do you support the retention of licensing for pet shops that sell native animals and expanding the list of species they may sell? yes , the list species these commercial operations can stock

shopuld be made EVEN MORE RESTRICTED .

I think licences for these need to be made very much more stringent and expensive and harder to get and hold onto. I do not support pet shops selling live native animals at all

- especially not reptiles and amphibians.

Can you suggest any changes or improvements to the licence conditions for licensed dealers and expos? see above, random spot checks made by experienced keepers working with parks & wildlife zoologists / herpetologists , these need to happen at least once a year and no prior notice given .

Heavy fines and immediate confiscation of live stock if a shop fails the spot check.

Should licensing also be required for persons undertaking the business of selling native animals over the internet or from their homes? I think the current system works OK for hobbyist breeders and

those who decide to move on unwanted live specimens / pets.

If so, what criteria should be applied to identify where online and home-based breeding and dealing is undertaken as a business, rather than incidental to keeping native animals as a hobby? I think keeping

more than 2 breeding pairs of any species should be regarded as a business .

Do you support the retention of import and export licences to monitor interstate movements of native animals? yes

Should lower risk species be exempted from licensing, such as species regulated by a code of practice? no

Should import and export licences be discontinued for interstate movements of animals kept by zoos, wildlife parks and tourist attractions? this needs to be assessed depending on the level of species endangerment,

it may be benefit in preserving endangered species if parks and wildlife were to take some specimens or their eggs from the wild for offer to experienced interested keepers to help breed up the numbers (to be returned

to be wild in their natural range under controlled conditions , and maybe some of the young could be sold by these keepers to cover some of their costs).

Do you have any comments on the proposed principles for determining licence fees? Persons on pensions should have access to FREE licences (companion, and lower level but not advanced licences).

Licences should be able to taken / paid in advance for up to 5 years for all levels.

- Do you have any suggestions to improve fairness and equity in setting licence fees? see above