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NSW residents should be encouraged to keep native mammals instead of cats/dogs. Not allowing the keeping of our indigenous species only harms conservation rather than aids it. These animals are kept in other states, which would allow for transfer of stock interstate to NSW. Native mammals are unlikely to be removed from the wild, as they are rare and elusive, thanks to introduced domestic threats and an inability of government bodies to adequately look after them.

Diamond pythons should remain as licenced animals. They are a tricky species to maintain, and as large long lived predator essential for ecosystems in the Sydney area, their poaching for an open market could have serious consequences. Unlike native mammals, these animals are often encountered on roads and are slow moving.