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As a holder of an animal keeper licence I am in support of the proposed changes. Particularly the change from companion and class 1 licences to a code of conduct. Keeping native animals as pets should be accessible to more people. But because it is so regulated and expensive, people instead purchase the more readily available exotic pets. Australia is home to so many animals that could make fantastic pets and yet these regulations encourage the public to keep pet rabbits and cats (and we know the impact they have already had on our native flora and fauna). These changes are a step in the right direction to encouraging people to legally keep native animals as pets.